Copie de la Lettre écritte par M. le Marquis de Vaudreuil au Commandant du Fort Edouard de Montreal le 18. Janvier 1758.

Monsieur,

J'ay l'honneur de vous adresser cy joint une Lettre très importante que j'ay celui d'écrire à son Excellence Milord Loudoun. Je vous prie de vouloir bien la lui faire parvenir le plus diligemment qu'il vous sera possible, et de ma faire passer de même sa reponse au Fort de Carillon.

Dans le cas, Mons.r que les François Canadiens et Sauvages de tout sexe qui doivent m'être renvoyés aux termes de l'article 5. de la Capitulation du fort William Henry soient en votre pouvoir, je me flate que conformement aux ordres que vous aurés de Milord Loudoun, vous proffiterés de l'occasion de l'officier porteur de ma Lettre, pour les faire passer au dit fort de Carillon sous une escorte convenable, pour qu'ils soient à couvert de toutes insultes de la part des Parties et Detachements des Sauvages, dont vous vous servés.

Je suis d'ailleurs, Mons.r très persuadé que vous ferés joüir cet Officier de la faveur düe a son etat, et que vous prendrés les plus justes

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mesures pour assurer son retour au fort Carillon.

Je ne me suis decidé à faire accompagner cet Officier de 4 Sauvages, que dans la vüe de prevoir à tout accident, et à tout Equiproque facheux, vous pourrés, Monsr, en user de même.

J'ay donné ordre a cet Officier de diriger sa Route (en se rendant prés de vous) par le chemin le plus ordinaire, de ne point s'en ecarter, et d'avoir le Pavillon Anglois deployé. Vous aurés la bonté de donner de votre coté ordre a l'Officier que vous detacherés pour me porter la reponse de son Excellence Milord Loudoun, de ne point se detourner de la Route la plus ordinaire, et d'avoir un Pavillon François deployé; Vous devés être convaincu qu'il sera bien reçû, et qu'il vous sera renvoyé sous bonne et seure Garde.

Si vous avés des Lettres pour quelqu'uns des Anglois, qui sont en mon pouvoir, vous pourrés les mettre sous mon couvert, et je me feray un plaisir de les leur faire remettre.

J'ay l'honneur d'être &c. &c.

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from the Marquis/de Vaudreuil to the Commanding/Officer at Fort Edward. /Jan: 18th 1758. /Enclosed in Mr Vaudreuils of 4th June 1758. / in Mr Appy's of July 2d 1758. /10

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Copie de la Lettre écritte par Monsieur Havilande Commandant du Fort Edouard a M. le Marquis de Vaud=reuil le 17 Fevrier 1758.

Monsieur

J'ai reçu la Lettre que vous m'avés fait l'hon=neur de m'écrire en datte du 18 Janvier. Je feray passer vôtre Lettre au Comte de Loudoun, et en=voiray la reponse de son Excellence avec la plus grande diligence à Carillon, de la maniere dont vous me le proposés. A l'égard des François, Canadiens et Sauvages sur lequels vous faites des Informations je n'en ay aucune connoissance, il n'y en a aucun icy, ainsi je n'ai pu avoir aucun instruction de son Excellence le Compte de Loudoun sur cet Article. — Sur la Requête de votre Officier, Monsr., je lui ai donné un guide, et j'ai jugé à propos d'envoyer un parti de Rangers pour escorter le guide, et le ramener.

J'ai l'honneur d'être &c. &c.

Endorsed Copy / A Letter from Colo. Haviland / the Commanding Officer at Fort / Edward to the Marquis de / Vaudreuil. / Feb: 17th 1758. / Enclosed in Mr. Vaudreuil's of June 4th 1758. / in Mr. Appy's of July 2d. 1758. / 11.

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Fort Edward June 25. 1758.

The Enemy having become Masters of Fort William Henry by virtue of a Capitulation made upon the 9th of August last, Which Capitulation they immediately broke in a most notorious & flagrant manner, by Murdering, Pillaging and Captivating many of His Majesty's good Subjects, in violation of the said Capitulation, as well as of the Law of Nations. — Upon these Considerations and in Honour & Justice to His Majesty's Arms, Major-General Abercromby here by declares the said Capitulation null & void, and that all Officers & Soldiers serving the 9th of August last at Fort William Henry are hereby empowered & commanded to serve in the same manner as if no such Capitulation had ever been made. All which, Major-General Abercromby has notified to the Governour General of Canada, signifying to him at the same time, that if any of His Majesty's Subjects supposed to be comprehended in the said Capitulation may fall into the Enemy's hands, and any Violence follow thereupon, he will retaliate on the persons of the French Prisoners now in his hands, as well as on all such as shall be taken hereafter by Sea or Land.

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The above to be published at the head of every Corps in His Majesty's Service in North America.

Endorsed General Orders relative to the Capitulation of Fort Wm Henry / Fort Edward June 25th 1758 / in Mr Abercromby's of July 2d 1758. /6. /12.

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Fort Edward June 26. 1758.

Sir,

I have the honour of Your Excellency's Letter of the 4th of June, with sundry Enclosures in relation to the Capitulation of Fort William Henry – Without entering into a Discussion of Particulars, Give me leave to acquaint Your Excellency, that a Breach of that Capitulation on the part of the Forces of the King your Master, immediately after the surrender of that Fortress, was so notorious, contrary to the good Faith that subsists amongst all Nations, that in honour and justice to the King my Master, who has entrusted me with the Command of His Troops in North America, I think myself obliged to look upon that Capitulation as null & void; which I have signified to all His Majesty's Governours & Commanders by Sea & Land in North America.

I persuade myself that upon due Consideration, Your Excellency will be convinced of the Justice of my proceedings in respect to the Capitulation, and that nothing can induce you so far to lay aside Humanity, as to offer the least Violence on the Person of any of His Majestys Subjects, civil or military comprehended in that

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Capitulation, that may unfortunately fall into your hands; as I must myself be obliged, as well as all His Majesty's other Commanders by Sea & Land, to make Retaliation on all Subjects of His most Christian Majesty, that are now prisoners amongst us, or who may hereafter fall into our hands. Allow me further to acquaint Your Excellency that I am determined to carry on the War with all possible Humanity, agreeable to the Intentions of the King my Master and nothing shall engage me to pursue contrary measures but a failure in that respect on the part of the troops of the King Your Master.

In regard to the Proposals made for an exchange in favour of Colonel Schuyler, Capt. Lieut. Martin & Surgeon Stakes, it was solely with a view, not only of accommodating those Gentlemen, but Mr Corrivcau & others, who were extremely desirous of returning to Canada; but since Your Excellency does not approve of this Proposition, Col. Schuyler & the other Gentlemen shall have notice to repair immediately to Canada.

Your Excellency my be assured that the Letters You have entrusted to my Care shall be forwarded & delivered.

I shall ever esteem myself honoured by a Correspondence with Your Excellency, and

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shall be glad of every Opportunity to convince You that I have the honour to be &c. &c.

The Marquis de Vaudreuil.

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Fort Johnson 18th June 1758.

Sir,

This Evening I received Your Excellency's Favour of the 15th instant.

I shall join you at Lake George, with all the Indians I can muster, with the utmost Expedition in my power. I am now daily expecting the Return of the Indian Officers with those Indians they may be able to collect, when no avoidable delay shall keep me here one hour.

I am convinced from many Reasons that the Indians would not be satisfied to join our Arms, unless I was to be with them; more especially as I have made known to, & promised them, that I was to go with them, I would otherwise readily accept of Your Excellency's Dispensing with my commanding the Indians in Person, as I might perhaps be more significantly employed this way.

Many Indians of all the 6 Nations are now at my House, most of those of the upper Nations are come down with their Furrs to trade. They all seem to concur in Opinion that a Body of the Enemy will attack this River but say they cannot ascertain when it

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may be.

Inclosed I send you a piece of Intelligence given me this day, and I think I can depend upon the Indian's Veracity, & also an Extract from a Letter I received a few days ago from Mr Croghan.

I don't think any of the 6 Nations would at present be forward to attack Swegachy, or any of those Indians who did not attack them.

I hope the Indians I may bring with me will do all the Service which can reasonably be expected from them.

Untill the Return of the Indian Officers I cannot, with any degree of exactness, say what number of Indians I may be able to muster & bring to Lake George, And I am more uncertain on this head, because a few days ago, when my Belt of Invitation to the 5 Nations arrived at Oneida, one came there at the same time from the Government of Pensylvania, inviting the 6 Nations down to that province, which along with my Belt is gone thro' the Nations - These Counter-Workings I well know, & the Indians who are come down here tell me, will occasion a Confusion amongst the 5 Nations, & distress them what Conduct they shall observe. Sure I am, these Interferings are opposite both to the Intent &

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Letter of my Commission from His Majesty, & equally am I certain that it will prejudice the British Indian Interest in general. For my own part, if we are thus to pull different ways, & set up as it were a Rivalship without Controul, I do propose, as I am confident I cannot carry on the Indian Service with expectations of serving His Majesty to any good Purposes, to desire Leave to resign my Employment, & for which upon any selfish motives I never was sollicitous.

From all I hear, the Council at Onondaga is by this time over, & probably before I see Your Excellency, I shall receive some Intelligence of what was transacted there. Three Mohawk Indians were to go to every Castle of the 5 Nations with my Belt of Invitation, I expect them back in a few days, & I imagine they will bring me some News, & perhaps some of Consequence.

I am very glad Your Excellency proposes a Reinforcement for this part of the Country, as I am of opinion that this grand Pass ought to be respectively secured during this important Campaign.

I will endeavour to lay out for obtaining

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timely Intelligence, if the Enemy should be making any preparations for a Descent from Oswego. — I every hour expect the Return of an Indian party from Canada, by whom I hope to have some Intelligence. There is another party likewise out, who I think will be back in a few days; if they get a Prisoner, or any important Intelligence, I directed them to call at Fort Edward.

19 June. Just now the Mohawk Indians, who went with my Belt thro' the 6 Nations, are returned. They say some Seneca, Onondaga, Tuscarora & Oneida Indians are on their way down upon my Call, & they expect will be at the German flatts in a Day or two; they heard no account of the Enemy's immediate Approach, but that all the Indians say the French will come down this summer.

I am &c. &c.

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Fort Johnson 18 June 1758.

The Information of Saghanakiroa a principal Warrior of Onandaga & who has always been judged faithful to the English.

That about 22 days ago he called at Cadaraqui, having been a-hunting near that place: and whilst there, he saw a great number of Battoes arrive from Canada, loaden with Arms Ammunition & Indian Goods, which he was told were to be shipt for Niagara; and the Commanding Officer said, That the French proposed to have two Armies this year, one of which was to come down the Mohock River by way of Oswego, & that these Arms &c. were for the Indians who were to assemble at Niagara & proceed from thence to Oswego. The other Army was to assemble at Ticonderoga.

Endorsed Intelligence of an Onondaga / Indian. / Fort Johnson June 18th. 1758. / Enclosed in Sr. William's of same Day. / in Mr. Appy's of July 2d. 1758. /9. 115.

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Extract from Mr. Croghans Letter to Sir William Johnson, dated from Aughquaga 11th June 1758.

"It will not be in my power to set off "from here in less than 5 days, by reason of some "speeches from Tediuscung. One is an Invitation for "all these Indians & the 6 Nations to go to Pensilvania, "in the Governour's name - Another to tell them "that the Cherokees were coming to cut them off, "but that he had stopt them - This Conduct "appears to me as if done to prevent those Indians "from joining The King's troops, & force them to "that Government. This News has scattered a "good many. I have been obliged to consent to "stay till the return of two Messengers from "Wioming where Tediuscung lives, or set off alone; "as you know how soon Indians are alarmed "at such News; however, at farthest I shall set "off in 5 days, & am in hopes to have near 100 "men with me, unless some Accident happens "which I cannot foresee. I find many will "want Guns. I thought proper to let you know it."

A true Extract Examined by me

(Signed) Peter Wraxall secretary

Endorsed. Extract of a Letter from Mr. Croghan to Sr. Wm. Johnson / June 11th 1758. / Enclosed in Sr. William Johnson's of the 15th June. / in Mr. Appy's of July 2d. 1758. / 10. 16.

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Extract of a Letter from Majr General Abercromby to Mr Secretary Appy dated at Fort Edward 20 June 1758.

"Since my last, Rogers has come in. The "Affair was not quite so bad as at first represented, "three Prisoners & five of his Party killed, a few "still missing; but from Rogers's Intelligence & "others we are now certain, that 8 Regiments of "Regulars are at Carillon, besides Colony-Troops, "Canadians & Indians, of which we can make "no guess. However we are quite satisfied "now, that nothing serious can be meant towards "the Mohawk River, at most a scalping Party; "You will therefore acquaint Sr Wm Johnson of this, "& let him know that I shall expect to see him "& all that he has collected, very soon at the Lake. "I am not able to write to him just now, having "the same Complaint I had the day before I "left Albany, & am going to take the same Remedy."

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from M. Gen. Abercromby to Mr Secretary Appy / dated Fort Edward June 20th 1758. / in Mr Appy's of July 2d 1758. / 11. 17

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Fort Johnson 22d June 1758.

Sir,

I this day received from Mr Secretary Appy an Extract from your Letter to him of the 20th instant. I am sincerely concerned for your Indisposition, and hope these will find you recovered from it.

Neither Mr Croghan or the five Nation Indians are arrived; I am in hourly Expec=tation of both. I find my Belt of Summons prevented the Council at Onondaga from sitting. They were met, & upon the Receipt of my Belt adjourned hither. I hear also a Deputation of 23 Cherokee Indians are arrived at Albany in their way hither. Mr Croghan must I think be here today or to-morrow, as I hope the five Nations will also. The Indians who are already at hand are very eager to know what the Upper Nations have to say, & would wish to know it before we march, when I hope also to increase my Number.

If Your Excellency could fix an ulti=mate day, for my joining you, I would willingly know it, and have your positive Orders when I must march to join you. I can be at Lake George in 4 days. I hope you will be able

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to afford me 6 or 7 days longer here; if not, I shall obey your Orders, & march with such Indians as are at hand. I have dispatched an Express to hurry along the upper Nations. If what Indians I expect to get from them, & those Mr Croghan is gone for, cannot be ready to march at your day, I must leave them behind which will occasion a Disgust, as I fear but few of them will be in a humour to follow me.

I am with the greatest regard, &c.

To His Excellency
Major Genl Abercromby

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Fort Edward June 24. 1758

Sir,

This moment I have the favour of Yours of the 22d instant from Fort Johnson acquainting me that neither Mr. Croghan or the five-Nation Indians are arrived, but that you are in hourly expectation of both, — that the Council of Onondaga were adjourned to your house, & that the Indians were already at hand, & very eager to know, what the upper Nations had to say, & would wish to know it before they marched, which you hope will increase their number. — After this, You are pleased to say "If Your Excellency would please to fix an ul-"timate day for my joining you, I would willing-"ly know it, & have your positive Orders, when "I must march from hence to join you; Concluding, that you can "be at the Lake in 6 days; that "I should afford you 6 or 7 days longer at "Fort Johnson, that the Indians you expect "to get from the Upper Nations, & those Mr. Croghan "is gone for, cannot be ready to march at my day, "& that you must therefore leave them behind, "which you say will occasion a Disgust, as you "fear few of them will be in a Humour to follow You."

Considering the clear & explicite Correspon-

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=dence that has passed betwixt us ever since I landed in America to this hour, I must confess my Surprize at this Letter, & that I am difficult=ed to understand it, as well as to answer it. — To go no farther back at present than the 7th. instant, when I parted with you at Albany, You then saw what forwardness we were in; You have been informed since, of our Progress, & re=quired to join me with all possible expedition. — After all that has passed on this occasion, I must again express my Concern at being deprived of your Aid & Assistance with the Indians at Your Back, which we stand much in need of — I dare say You have used your best Endeavours, & that you have been disappointed greatly in Your Ex=pectations — This would have been no Surprize to me, & you needed not have used any Ceremony in owning it — I have only to add that I pro=pose to be at the Lake on Monday the 26th., & to get every thing a-float with all possible Dispatch; So that you have not a day to lose in joining us, & if we should fall down the Lake I shall leave Boats for you to follow. — Let me know what number you can bring. Forward those in readiness, with your Indian Officers, & come with the last Column yourself; You know

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best their Trim, & take your own method.

I am &c. &c.

Sir Wm Johnson Bart

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Fort Johnson 27 June 1758.

Sir,

I will not trespass upon your time at present by a particular Answer to your Excellency's Letter of the 24th instant, neither indeed would my own time permit me to do it.

Believe me, Sir, I have endeavoured in every shape to render the Correspondence I have had the honour to carry on with you, as candid & explicit as was in my Power. If I have failed herein, it hath not been owing to Intention, but to the misfortune of my being involved in a Service which cannot, or at least which I cannot, put upon a Footing of Certainty & Punctuality.

On Thursday I will march from hence with such Indians I can prevail on to go with me: what number that will be, I cannot be certain of, I believe about 200, and that more will follow me. The Report of Mr. Croghan being so near at hand, was, I find, a false one. I have not heard from him since the Letter I sent you an Extract from, where he is, or what delays him, I am ignorant of.

I assure you, Sir, upon my honour, that you cannot be more impatient for my joining you with Indians, than I have been, & am, to do

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so. I am as much perplexed as you are displeased at the Delay, & your Displeasure adds to my Perplexity.

I am most respectfully &c.

P. S.

Since the above, the French Prisoner is arrived, & Inclosed I send you the Questions I asked him & his Answers, – to morrow I propose sending him to Schenectady, to be escorted to Genl. Stanwix.

This Evening Mr. Croghan also arrived: he left about 100 Indians, Men, on the Road, a part of whom will be here to-morrow-morning; the rest at night or next morning. The Onondaga's Oneida's & Tuscarora's arrived also this day, the Senecas are yet on the Road. – I have acquainted all the Indians here with my Determination to march on Thursday: they have made several Speeches about it, but I told them I could stay no longer.

To His Excellency
Major Genl. Abercromby.

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Fort Johnson 27 June 1758

Examination of the French Prisoner brought hither this day by the Indians.

Question 1	Answer
1. What is Your Name?	Joseph Perron.
2. Where was you born?	At Mons.r Longuiel's Manor.
3. How long did you live there?	From the time of my Birth 35 years.
4. What is Your Profession?	A Labourer.
5. How long ago were you taken?	21 days
6. When were you last at Montreal?	13 months ago.
7. How far was your place of Abode from Montreal?	12 Leagues above Montreal on the River St. Laurence
8. Where was Mons.r Montcalm & the troops when you was taken?	At Quebec, as Mr. Longueil told me 8 days before I was taken. The Troops were then in Quarters, but I heard, about the time I was taken, they were ordered to move, but I don't know whither.
9. Are Provisions & Ammunition plenty in Canada?	As to Ammunition I do not know. Provisions of all kinds are scarce both in

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	Question.	Answer.
		the Army, & the Country
10.	If any Vessels or Men of War were arrived at Quebec from Europe?	None that I heard of, but they were in daily Expectation of some.
11.	Did you hear what way the Troops were to march this year?	There were 1500 Regulars & 1500 Militia to proceed to the Ohio, but none passed by, before he was taken.
12.	Did you hear what number of Troops were expected to be at Carillon this Summer?	I did not hear a word about it.
13.	Were you ever at Carillon?	Never.
14.	If any Indians went down to Montreal this Year?	None that I know of.
15.	Where was M. Longueil when you was taken?	at home; but he had orders to go to Quebec the 15 June; but I don't know on what Business.
16.	What number of Troops are in Garrison at Fort Frontinac?	There were 80 last year, but don't know how many, this.
17.	How many troops are in Garrison at Niagara?	I do not know.
18.	How many at La Gallette?	Sixty.
19.	If any Battoes with Goods or Provisions went up the River	None that I know of.

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	Question.	Answer.
	towards Fort Frontignac?	
20.	If any Troops were quartered last Winter at M. Longueil's?	None.
21.	What Troops are at Fort Du Quesne, & who commands there?	I don't know. M. de Lignerie commands there.
22.	If any Indians were come down to Montreal this year from the Westward or the Northward?	None arrived, but several expected about the latter end of this month.
23.	If European Goods are plenty in Canada?	They have not many.
24.	If the Indians from Swegachi are come down to Montreal?	None that I know of.
25.	Did you hear any Talk of an English Army attacking Ticonderoga, Louisbourg, or Fort du Quesne this Year?	I heard nothing of either.
26.	If you heard any Talk of a Body of Troops & Indians coming down this River by way of Oswego.	No.
27.	Did you hear any thing of the Gov.r of Canada buying up all the Provisions	Yes, & a certain monthly Allowance was made to the Inhabitants.—

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Question	Answer.
he could get, & stowing them in the King's Magazines	
28. Are there plenty of Horses in Canada?	They begin to be scarce.
29. Why?	Because the people are obliged to eat them, & began to do so since 15 days before Christmas last.

Endorsed Examination of a French Prisoner, / brought to Fort Johnson, June 27th 1757. / enclosed in Sr William Johnson's Letter / of the same Date. — / in Mr. Appy's of July 2. 1757. / 15. — 2.

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Return of the Provincial Forces that have arrived at Albany from 7th June to the 20th Instant Inclusive. —

Date arrived	Colonels Names	Province.	No. of Men.
7th June	Colo. Preeble	Massachusetts . .	804.
8th do.	Colo. Ruggless	Ditto	800
9th ditto	Colo. Williams	Ditto	164
do. do.	Colo. Preebles.	Ditto	420
do. do.	Colo. Nichols.	Ditto	800
10th do.	Genl. Lyman & Colo. Fitch	Connecticut . . .	126
do. do.	Colo. Whiteing	Ditto	102
12th do.	Colo. Whiteing	Ditto	175
do. do.	Colo. Lymans	Ditto	75
do. do.	Colo. Whiteings	Ditto	94
13th do.	Colo. Worster	Do.	77
do. do.	Colo. Williams	Massachusetts .	456
14th do.	Colo. Bagly	Ditto	981
do. do.	Colo. Doty	Ditto	103
do. do.	Colo. Whiteing	Connecticut . . .	87
do. do.	Colo. Williams	Massachusetts . . .	443
do. do.	Colo. Doty	Ditto	600
do. do.	Colo. Fitch	Connecticut . .	99
do. do.	Colo. Whiteing	Ditto	74
do. do.	Colo. Nichols.	Massachusetts . .	14
15th do.	Colo. Fitch	Connecticut . . .	101
16th do.	Colo. Fitch	Ditto	54
17th		Connecticut . . .	91
17th do.	Colo. Lyman	Ditto	100
18th do.	Colo. Worster	Ditto	85
18th do.		Ditto	71
do. do.	Colo. Fitch	Ditto	101
do. do.	Colo. Worster	Ditto	93
do. do.		Ditto	105
19th do.		Ditto	97
20th do.		Ditto	118
		Total	7510.

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Camp at Lake George, Augt 19: 1758.

Sir,

By my Letter of the 12th of July, I had the Honour to inform you, that I shou'd carefully watch the Motions of the Enemy, and prevent, as much as possible, their Reaping any Advantage from the Check we had met with.

For which Purpose, it was judged necessary first to finish and strengthen the Breastwork, which had already been thrown up round our Line, in such a Manner and with such Additional Works, as might not only make it respectable, but capable of Repulsing any Force the Enemy are supposed to be able to bring against it, which has accordingly been done.

Having whilst we were down the Lake, seen some Radeaus or floating Batteries, with which the Enemy, under Favor of a dark Night, might attempt the Burning Our Batteaus & Whale Boats, part of which must always be afloat, to be ready upon any Emergency, it was further judged necessary, to build a Sloop, not only for the Protection and Security of the Whole of them, but also, by Cruising to and fro, upon the Lake to watch and discover the Motions of the Enemy, and annoy them in every Thing

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she can; wherein I shou'd hope she may prove successful, as she is a fine Vessel, 90 Tons Burthen mounting 14 Six & four Pounders, with a Breast Work all round to cover the Men; Capt. Loring, (who, with the Assistance of Col. Bagley, of the Massachusets Forces, built her) commands her; She is to have about 40 Hands to work her, & a Company of Soldiers more when on a Cruise. She was launched a few Days ago, and will soon be ready to go on her first Discovery.

Having thus provided for the Security of our Camp, and the Protection of our Batteaus, I also endeavour'd to keep the Communication, between this and Fort Edward, as free and open as possible; and, that our Convoys might not be molested in going to and fro, I order'd strong Escorts to attend those Convoys; for which Purpose, over and above the Eight Companies under the Command of Capt Reid at Fort Edward, I likewise posted a Regiment of the Massachusetts Forces, Commanded by Col. Nichols, at the Half Way Brook; and to avoid as much as possible being surprized by any Parties of the Enemy, I order'd Col. Nichols to keep small Scouts out constantly, to see if they cou'd discover any Tracks, in which Case he shou'd send me immediate Notice, of the

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Number they might, from those Tracks, suppose the Enemy to be, as well as the Course they steer'd, wherefrom I shou'd be able to form a judgement of the Reinforcement necessary to be sent, and where to; or, if timely warned, perhaps have it in my Power to cut off the Enemy in their Retreat. – But notwithstanding these Orders, it seems they not only neglected sending out Scouts, but they also omitted giv-ing me the timely Notice I directed, in case of their tracking or falling in with any of the Enemy.

Which is evident from what happened the 20th of July, when ten Men of Nichols's Regiment, returning from hence to the Half Way Brook, at a small Distance from that Post, fell in with a Party of the Enemy, who scalped 9 of them, and pursued the tenth very close, but he nevertheless escaped and gave the Alarm; upon which Part of them turned out, & went in Pursuit of the Enemy, whom they came up with and engaged; but by what I can learn, the Men soon left their Officers; which is more than probable from the killed, which are said to be 3 Captains, two Lieutenants, and one Ensign;

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whilst only 9 Private and two Non Commissioned Officers; 3 wounded, & 7 missing

Altho' this Affair happened about ten in the Morning, yet I had not advice of it 'till the Evening, too late to expect coming up with, or intercepting the Enemy; I nevertheless sent out a strong Party towards South Bay, the Way by which it was supposed the Enemy were to Return, but to no Purpose, for by the Time ours got there, they were passed.

Not doubting but the Enemy Encouraged by their Escape, wou'd continue to send out Parties, to endeavour to cut off our Convoys, and at the same Time, from Col. Nichols's late Neglect, fully convinced, that the several Posts, within the Communication, cou'd no longer be trusted to provincial Officers and Soldiers, I therefore sent a Captain of His Majesty's Regular Forces with 200 of the King's Troops, some Rangers and Provincials to relieve Col. Nichols at the Half Way Brook.

And as I proposed to send Escorts less frequent but much stronger, I detatched Col. Hart, of New Hampshire, with about 500 Men of His Regiment to Fort Edward, the Command of which, I gave to Col. Montresor, who, before he left

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this, had settled the Signals he shou'd make upon Discovery of any of the Enemy, which, in His Way down, he left with the Officer Commanding at the Half Way Brook, from whence he was to repeat them, to give the Alarm to this Camp; and Col. Hart, with his Men, being arrived at Fort Edward, the 27th, Colonel Montresor acquainted him, that having a Convoy of upwards of 30 Ox Teams, laden with Provisions, which he shou'd send off the next Morning, he desired him to order 200. of his Men to make Part of the Escort, but Col. Hart excused himself from it, saying, that his Men having marched the Day before were too fatigued to undertake that Duty: It is to be observed, that the March, which had so greatly fatigued Col. Hart's Men, was no more than 16 Miles, & that required of them then, both out & in, only 16 more, for which, if they pleased, they might take the whole Day.

Notwithstanding this, early in Morning of the 28th, Col. Montresor sent off his Convoy, under the Escort of only 130. Men of his Command, besides about 40 others that were returning from Albany.

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But unfortunately, about Half Way from Fort Edward to the Brook, they fell in with a Party of 300 Canadians and Indians, who attacked them, killed and scalped several, and took some Prisoners, in all about 50.– Some of our People having made their Escape, and got into Fort Edward, Col. Montresor imme-diately made the Signal, and detatched Col. Hart with 300. of his Men, to support and reinforce the Escort.–

The Signal having been heard at the Half Way Brook Part of that Command likewise turned out, and proceeded to the Place where the Escort was attacked, where they fell in with the Rear of the Enemy, who, after having killed all the Cattle, destroy'd the Teams, & scatter'd great Part of the Provision along the Road, made very free with the Liquor they found there, and had got themselves so intoxicated, that, by all Reports, it wou'd have been a very easy Matter to have cut them all to Pieces; especially, as we might then be near 500 strong; but Col. Hart, whose Party con-sisted of 300, refusing to come up, the Enemy got off unhurt.

Several People, that were present, having

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attested this Behaviour of Col.o Hart, I thought I cou'd not let it pass unnoticed, and yet being unwilling to disgust the Provincial Officers, I have so brought it about, that they themselves have desired a Court Martial upon him, which I immediately granted, & that they might have all the Reason imaginable, to be satisfied with the Proceedings of that Court, all the Members of it are Provincials, and General Lyman President; they have already set several Days, but, on Account of some more urgent Business, have adjourned. When the whole is finished, I shall do myself the Honour to transmit You a Copy of the Proceedings.

Pardon this Digression, & Permit me to inform You of the Steps I took upon the first Intelligence of this Disaster, which did not reach me till 9. at Night, by one of the Officers that had been detatched from the Half Way Brook, and had continued on the Spot till the Enemy were retired, who assured me, that great Part of them were drunk, which, together with being loaded with Spoils, must greatly retard them in their Retreat.

Upon this, I immediately order'd out a Detatchment of 400 Men, from among the

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Light Infantry, Rangers, & Provincials, whom I put under the Command of Rogers and Putnam, to proceed with them to a narrow Pass at the Wood Creek, by which, if the Enemy came that Way at all, and were not already Passed, we cou'd not fail of Intercepting them; accordingly I saw them all off by two o'Clock in the Morning. —

But as the Place Rogers and his People were to land at, is within View of the Enemy's Look-Out, whence they might discover our Batteaus, & guess at the Number of Our Men, as well as at our Design; & probably endeavour to prevent the Execution of it, by sending a larger Party against them; I order'd out another Detatchment, of 1200 Men, from the Whole Line, under the Command of Col.^o Haviland, to Cover & sustain Rogers and his Party, in Case of Necessity; This Detatchment went off next Morning, likewise very early, as there was no trusting it in the Day Time, least it shou'd be discover'd.

On the 30th, Col.^o Haviland sent to acquaint me, that Rogers and his Party, without any Opposition whatsoever, had got to their Place of Rendez vous, but unfortunately

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too late by two Hours, the Enemy being already far on the Lake in their Canoes when they came up.

Several other Scouting Parties of Ours, having returned about this Time, and reported, that they had tracked several small ones of the Enemy, from Half Way Brook down to Still Water, which were supposed to come by the Way of South Bay; I immediately directed Col. Haviland, to detatch Rogers & Putnam, from whence they were, with 700. Chosen Men and ten Days Provisions, to sweep all that back Country & come in by Fort Edward.

And for the further Security of the Communication, between Albany & Fort Edward, I gave the Command of it to Brigr. Gen. Prevost, who, upon His Majesty having been graciously pleased, to permit him to continue in the Service, joined me, at this Place, on the 14th of Last Month; and altho' his Letter of Service, as Brigr. General, is not yet come over, but daily expected by him, I coud not, as Col. Gage is a younger Colonel, and was declared in Orders as Brigr. Gen. upon this last Occasion, do less than declare Col. Prevost in like Manner.

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He accordingly commands at Fort Edward, where he took with him, the 6 Companies of the 1st Battalion Royal Americans, and a Regiment of Connecticut Troops, commanded by Coll. Fitch, which, together with some other Provincial Troops, and Part of the Additional Companies of the 42d, makes him about 1800 Strong. —

At Albany, one Company of the 42d, and some of the recovering Men.

At Half Moon, Capt. Cruikshanks, with one of His Majesty's Independent Companies of New York, and two Companies of Provincials.

At Still Water, a Company of the Light Infantry, commanded by Capt. Arnot, & two Companies of Provincials.

At Saratoga, another Company of the Light Infantry, commanded by Capt. Kennedy, and two Companies of Provincials.

At Fort Miller, about 40 Men of the Americans, under the Command of Capt. Lieut. McBean, & 2 Companies of Provincials.

And at Half Way Brook, 900 Men, consisting in 300 Regulars, one Company of Rangers, & 500 Provincials under the Command of

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a field Officer of His Majesty's Regular Forces.

All which Officers, at these different Posts, are directed to keep out Constant Scouts; which requiring a great Number of Men, it is not possible, nor indeed necessary, to send such frequent Convoys, wherefore I have agreed with Brig.r Prevost, not to send away under a Hundred Teams or Waggons, and then not to send them, but under a very strong Escort, to be relieved, half Way, by one of like Strength from the brook; & these last by our Piquets, at Half Way between the Brook & this; By which Means, I hope we shall prevent all future Mischief.

Pursuant to the Directions I sent Col.o Haviland, Rogers & Putnam made Choice of their 700 Men, consisting in Light Infantry, Rangers, Provincials, and about 60 Voluntiers from among the Regulars, with whom they crossed over, from the first Narrows, (twelve Miles below this) towards South Bay, where Putnam, with 400, took up his Station, and Rogers, with the Remainder of His Party, lay in Ambush, a little above where the Wood Creek discharges itself into the South Bay.—

On Sunday the 6th Instant, a Canoe, with

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6 Indians, was discover'd coming up the Creek, and notwithstanding all previous Enjunctions to the Contrary, one of the Provincials challenged them, upon which the Indians tacked and got off. — About the same Time, two Boats were in with Putnam's Advanced Guard, and by a like Stupidity escaped also. — Upon these unlucky discoveries, Rogers and Putnam joined, edging away towards Fort Edward,

When, on the 8th, within two Miles of Fort Ann, they fell in with a Party of the Enemy, consisting of about 450 Indians, Canadians and Marine Companies, under the Command of Mo. Marin, one of their most famous Partizans; after a Dispute of two Hours, the Enemy gave Way, with the Loss of about 150. two of which were brought in Prisoners, the Remainder killed or scalped; of the latter they reckon 56, and at least 15. of them Indian Scalps. Our Loss is trifling; a few scalped or killed, which our People buried, Putnam and one of His Lieutenants are taken Prisoners, and must have fallen into the Enemies Hands very early, as he was missed for a long Time. which proved the more unlucky. as 300 of the Connecticut Troops. which were under his Command, and of

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His own Choice, scatter'd so, that there was no possi-bility of collecting them to pursue the Enemy, which might easily have been effected, with a visible Prospect of an entire Success.

I must not omit, doing Rogers the Justice to say, that he merits much to be commended, he having, by Report of a very good Officer in the Light Infantry, who was on this Party, acted the whole Time with great Calmness and Officer like.

Some of his Party, having been wounded at the Beginning of the Fray, and he not knowing how long it might last; he sent one of His Rangers to Fort Edward for a Surgeon, and to acquaint them, with his being engaged; upon which Col. Montresor immediately sent to acquaint Brigr. Prevost with it, who was directing some Works in the Road, & he, sent on the Intelligence to Half Way Brook, from whence it came to me -

But before Brigr. Prevost, with his Party, and that from the Half Way Brook, together upwards of 600 Men, cou'd reach Rogers, the Affair was over and the Enemy had made off. -

By the two Prisoners taken at this

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last Affair, as well as by two or three Deserters, and three of our own People that have been Prisoners in Canada, for some Time, and have lately made their Escape, we are informed, that the Major Part of the Strength of Canada is at present at Tienderoga, consisting in between 12. & 13,000 Men, viz.t 8 Battalions of Regulars, at 500 each; 600 Indians, & the Rest Colony Troops and Canadians. –

That they have finished their Entrenchments, have erected two four Gun Batteries on them, of 8 & 4 Pounders, and by felling a Number more of Trees, had considerably augmented the Abbatis, besides which, they were very busy in strengthening the Fort.

That they have 1500 Men at the Saw Mills, and as many more at the Portage; at both which Places they had thrown up a logged Breastwork, but have no Artillery.

That the Fort was well stocked with Provisions; and provided with Stores, Ammunition and Powder; that their Artillery consisted in forty 6. 8. 12. & 18. Pounders, those of 18, being only 6. in Number, having come from Quebec this Spring; and, that they had also two Mortars, the one a 13. the other an

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8. Inch.

That their Chief Engineer, had this Year contrived, a Kind of fourteen Oar Row Galley, called by the French _des Loups_ carrying one twelve Pounder & 6 Swivels, of which they had already four on the Lake; and that on the other Side of the Saw Mill, they had a Couple of Batteaus linked together, on which was raised a Redoubt carrying Swivels, but capable, upon Occasion, to bear Cannon; that, however, it then served only as a Powder Magazine. —

They also agree, that in our Attack of the 8th, the French had no less than 40 Officers, and 500 Men killed and wounded. — And added, that the French, having had Intelligence, by one of our Deserters that we were soon to attack them again, they were resolved to wait our Coming with all their Strength; And that Mor de Levy, with the Detatchment intended against the Mohawk River, as mentioned in my last, was still at Tienderoga; and that when they came away, which was about the 2d or 3d of this Month, there was not the least Likelihood, either of his or any other Person being sent from thence on that Enterprize.

From whence we might have great

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Room to hope, and expect, a successfull Issue of Col. Bradstreet's Attempt, if he is capable to undertake it, which I will not now venture to answer for; as by Letters from Brig. Gen. Stanwix and him, bearing Date at Fort Herkermer's the 6th Instant, their Desertion and Sickness was so great, that they were very deficient of the Numbers proposed for that Undertaking; not: -withstanding which Colonel Bradstreet says, "Shou'd the Numbers be reduced so low, as that "we cannot make out above 1000 Men, fitt to pro: "ceed to Lake Ontario, with them I will do my best"

Whereupon, I immediately wrote to Brig. Stanwix, desiring him to acquaint Col. Bradstreet, with the little Opposition he was likely to meet with, if the foregoing Intelligence might be depended upon; but that nevertheless, I did not mean to encourage his Undertaking, unless he himself shou'd find or believe it prac: -ticable; not doubting but from his known Zeal for His Majesty's Service, his Knowledge of the Country, and his Experience, he wou'd exert himself to the utmost. And with Regard to the Desertion, I recommended it to Brig. Gen. Stanwix to write to the Different Governors of those Provinces whose Troops had deserted, begging

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them to interpose their Authority, in the same Manner, as Governor Pownall had done, who, even without any Application upon the very first Notice of a Number of Colo Doty's Regiment having gone off, issued a Proclamation, whereby, those Deserters were not only deprived of all Asylum within any Part of the Province, but those that shou'd harbour them or receive their Arms, shou'd be persecuted with the utmost Rigor of the Law, as shou'd likewise the Deserters, if they did not, within a few Days after the Proclamation, surrender themselves; but that if, within the above limitted Term, they gave themselves up and returned to their Regiment, he, the Governor, promised to intercede with the Commander in Chief for their being forgiven; which has had so good an Effect, that when I heard last from Govr Pownall near 80 of the 170 that deserted from that Regiment, had already surrender'd, and were on their Way back to their Regiment, nor do I doubt but the Rest will all Return, if the Proclamation is strictly observed, which 'tis most likely to believe it will.

If this wise and just Measure, shou'd not be followed by the other Governors, or some other Method, as effectual, fallen upon by them, to

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prevent and put a stop to those Desertions, it will then become absolutely necessary to make some examples, but till they do neglect, upon these Representations, to redress those Grievances, I cou'd wish to avoid coming to Extremities, the consequences of which we are not always certain of.

The last letter I have had from Brig^r Gen. Forbes, bears date at Carlisle the 25th July. As I cannot better inform you of his then Situation, than from His own Intelligence, I have the Honour to enclose You an Extract of that Letter, by which You will see, he thought the whole of His Force might be assembled about the 6th of this Month.

At my Return from Ticonderoga to this Camp, being desirous to know who, and what Number of our People might have had the Misfortune to fall into the Hands of the Enemy, during & after the Attack of the 8th I accordingly wrote to the Marquis de Montcalm, enclosing a List of the French Prisoners we had taken in the Affair of the 6th, & begging in Return, a List of Ours.

This Letter was wrote so early as the 11th July, the Flagg of Truce appointed, and the Instructions for the Officer signed; but, Upon

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Recollection, that in my Letter of the 26th June, to the Marquis de Vaudreuil, I had promised that Colᵒ Schuyler, Capt. Lieut. Martin, and Surgeon Stakes, shou'd have Notice to repair immediately to Canada, I thought it was better to detain the Flagg of Truce, till those Gentlemen cou'd come up to accompany it.

Agreeable to my Promise, I caused my Secretary to write to Colᵒ Schuyler, & Capt. Martin, the one in the Jerseys, the other at New York, forthwith to repair to Albany; Surgeon Stakes being then already with me.

Upon Information, that Capt. Martin was arrived at Albany & not knowing how long Colᵒ Schuyler might stay behind, I proposed to send Capt. Martin and Surgeon Stakes before, and therefore, immediately order'd up the Captain. —

But by the Return of the Post, I received advice of Colᵒ Schuyler being likewise come to Albany, & of his having brought with him, Mʳ Corriveau, a Captain of Militia in Canada, taken in Sir William Johnson's Affair in 1755, ever since which, he had remained a Prisoner on Long Island: This is the same Person that had proposed the Exchange, which the

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Marquis de Vaudreuil had rejected; but as he is in very good Esteem in Canada, and has some Influence there, Col. Schuyler had asked him of the Lieut. Gov. of New York, in order to procure himself a more favorable Reception, & a speedier Releasement from His Parole, which, considering his Case, cou'd really not be refused him, and therefore I did not hesitate a Moment, at the Instance of the Lieut. Governor & Brig. Gen. Stanwix, to consent to Col. Schuyler's bringing Mr. Corriveau with him; desiring him likewise, to Bring up Capt. Martin and Surgeon Stakes, who was then gone to Schenectady to attend the Jersey Regiment.

On the 18th, They all arrived but Surgeon Stakes, who had promised to be here the next Day; in Expectations of which, the Flagg of Truce was detained till the 22d when they went away without him.

While they remained here, I took Capt. Corriveau's Parole, binding himself, if not sooner exchanged, to return in Six Months; And as Col. Schuyler and Capt. Martin were apprehensive, that they might be blamed for having out Staid theirs, unless they had some Voucher to prove they were detained by Command,

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I gave them each a Certificate, setting forth the cause of their Detention, and that it was by my Orders.

And as we have a Captain, four Lieutenants and three Cadets of the French Regulars now Prisoners with us, which I supposed they wou'd be glad to Exchange against Col^o Schuyler, Capt. Martin, Capt. Lieut. Pringle, Lieut. Roach, & Ensign Downing; I therefore empower'd Col^o Schuyler, to offer and make that Exchange, pursuant to Instructions I furnished him with; which I accompanied with a Letter to the Marquis de Montcalm, bearing Date the 21st July. —

By the Marquis's Answer, of the 24th, it seems, that altho' he has the Command of His Most Christian Majesty's Forces, yet he is not vested with the Power of treating; & therefore, he had forwarded a Copy of my Letter to the Marquis de Vaudreuil, whose Answer thereto he shou'd transmit me as soon as its came to his Hands; Meanwhile, he acquaints me, that they have no more than 34 Prisoners, who are wounded and have been sent to Montreal, where, he assures me great Care shall be taken of them. —

On the 12th Instant, by a Flagg of Truce, I received the Marquis de Vaudreuil's

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Answer, bearing Date the 1st of the said Month, proposing, that the Exchange shou'd not be confined to the Officers alone, but extend to all the other Prisoners in my Power; and yet, a few Lines further, he himself seems to limit this Exchange to the Prisoners taken since the 9th Augst 1757. from whence I understand, he means to exclude all those taken prior to that Time, which I cou'd by no Means agree to, without Particular Instructions from His Majesty; which I shall wait for, before I proceed any further in this Affair. —

But as I was obliged to make some Answer, I offer'd a General Exchange of Prisoners taken since the Commencement of the War, which I am conscious he cannot accept, without owning the forfeiture of the Capitulation of Fort William Henry & subscribe to the Validity of it's being set aside; which it is not likely he will do.

And with Regard to his proposal, I tell him I can not accept it without Instructions from my Court, before whom I shou'd lay the Whole & wait their Decision; but that meanwhile, this need not put a Stop to the Exchange of the Officers, for

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which Purpose I enclosed further Powers to Col^o Schuyler, not to be over scrupulous in Regard to equalities of Rank.

At the same Time that I received the Marquis de Vaudreuil's Proposals, I also received a Letter from the Marquis de Montcalm, relative thereto, & Proposing some Preliminaries in case I accepted of them, such as appointing a Place and persons on both Sides, to carry on the Negotiation; which there being no Occasion for, at least as yet, I acquainted the Marquis de Montcalm therewith, & likewise mentioned to him, my Objections to the Proposals: all which I sent off by the Flagg of Truce, the very Day that he came in here.

Two Days thereafter, I was informed of the Arrival of a Second Flagg of Truce, which proved to be Capt. Bougainville, one of the Marquis de Montcalm's Aid de camps, from whom he brought me a Short Letter, acquainting me, that he had deferred forwarding my Letter to the Marquis de Vaudreuil, because he apprehended, I had not well understood one Part of that Gentleman's Letter, which Captain Bougainville cou'd easily explain, & that I might give entire Credit to

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what he shou'd say to me. —

Captain de Bougainville, told me no more than what I had myself foreseen, to wit, that a general Exchange cou'd not be accepted of on their Part, without Instructions from their Court, alledging for his Reasons, those I Mentioned before in Regard to the Capitulation. But he said, he thought we might accept of their Proposal; for altho' it appear'd, by the Marquis de Vaudreuil's Letter, that all Prisoners, taken prior to the 9th Augst 1757 shou'd be excluded the Benefit of the Exchange, yet he was confident, Mor Vaudreuil meant no More by it, than their own Prisoners, & wou'd readily give up all Ours, since the Commencement of the War; yet as I saw no Credentials on the Part of Mor Vaudreuil, to make such a Proposal, & besides, that I had much rather be authorized to make the Exchange, I begged leave to abide by my Letter, & immediately Dismissed Mor de Bougainville with a short but Civil Answer.

And, that you may be the better informed of this whole Transaction, I have the Honor to transmit you, all the Letters & Papers that have Passed on that subject. —

In my Secretary's Letter to Mr Wood, by the last Packet, there is an Application, for a

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fresh Supply of Money being immediately sent out, for carrying on the Service in these Parts, which I have now the Pleasure to acquaint You, there will be no Occasion for at present, as I understand by a Letter from the Deputy Paymaster General, who went lately down to New York to prepare against the next Musters Subsistence for the Troops, that the Contractors Agents were ready, not only to Supply him with the Subsistence, but that they very soon expected a Remittance of Money from home, besides which they would be able, in two Months, to Supply him with £20,000 Sterling. & that what Money may be wanted at Halifax, Mr Apthorp Senr at Boston, will take Care to Supply it, on my Order. By which Means I shall be able to obey His Majesty's Commands relative to the Demands at Nova Scotia. —

Upon Majr Gen. Amherst joining the Fleet off Halifax, he wrote me a Letter, acquainting me, with His Arrival, since when I have not heard, either from him, the Admiral, or any one else on the Island of Cape Breton. Upon my Return to this Camp, or shortly After, I sent him a Narrative of what had befallen us,

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1. Extract of a Letter from B. G. Forbes to M. G. Abercromby dated Carlisle July 25th 1758.
2. Parole of Capt. Corneveau . . . . July 21st
3. Certificate that Col. Schuyler and Capt. Martin were detained after the Expiration of their Parole, by M. G. Abercromby's Order, July 21st
4. Warrant empowering Colo. Schuyler to treat for an Exchange of Prisoners . . . July 21st
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8. Col. Schuyler to Do. . . . Same Date.
9. Mr. Montcalm to Do. . . . . Augst 11th
10. M. G. Abercromby to Mr. Vaudreuil . . Augst 12th
11. Do. . . . . to Colo. Schuyler . . Same Date.
12. Do. . . . . to Mr. Montcalm . . Same Date.
13. Mr. Montcalm to M. G. Abercromby . Augst 13th
14. M. G. Abercromby to Mr. Montcalm . . Aug. 14th

Endorsed Schedule of Papers enclosed & referred to in M. G. Abercrombys/Letter to the Rt. Hon: Wm Pitt Esqr/Dated Aug. 19th 1758.

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Extract of a Letter from Brig.r Gen. Forbes to Major General Abercromby, Dated at Carlisle, the 25th July 1758.

I have already informed You that I had sent Col.o Bouquet to form a Post at Ray's Town. Things are there in pretty great Forwardness; Scouting Parties have been sent out, with the best Guides we cou'd find, and according to the Reports which some of them have made, the Road over the Allegeny Mountains and the Lawrel Ridge will be found practicable for Carriages, which will be of infinite Consequence, will facilitate our Matters much by shortening the March at least 70 Miles, besides the advantage of having no Rivers to pass, as we shall keep the Yeogheny upon our Left.

I have at last, with great Difficulty, got the Waggons, Bât Horses, and Provisions into some Sort of Order.

I have sent Detatchments to the several Forts, to the Eastward of the Susquehannah to Guard the Frontiers of Pensylvania on that Side. Care shall be taken of the other Posts.

The Troops are all in Motion from the different Posts, where they have been stationed

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in Order to be assembled at Ray's Town, but I have Retarded the March of some of them upon the Route from this Place, as I am unwilling to bring them to-gether, till the Route is finally determined, and till I am able to keep up constantly three Months Provi-sions at Ray's Town, by throwing in fresh Supplies according to the Consumption, for with less it would not be safe or expedient to proceed.

The Artillery marched yesterday from Shippensburgh & proceeds directly to Rays Town, & I send off Sir John St. Clair tomorrow to be assisting to Colo. Bouquet in mak-ing the Projected Route over the Laurel Hill, on the other side of which, about 45 Miles from Ray's Town, I intend to form another Post to open the Communication, and to have a greater Facility of sending out Scouting Parties for Intelligence, for the Indians as well as Provincials are not fond of going so far from the advanced Posts, as they are obliged to do at present.

The Troops have hitherto been so scatter'd in this Province, as well as in Virginia, so many Detatchments have been order'd to make Roads &ca that it is impossible to give You a State of their Numbers; — You well know that the Pro-vincial Officers are so very little exact in that Matter that 'tis impossible even to depend upon

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their Reports, when they are pleased to make them, which does not always happen.

I intend to march in a few Days with the last Division of the Highland Battalion. I shall carry on the Detachments from the several Posts, & Forts upon the Road. - And I think the whole may be assembled about the 6th of next Month.

I shall then inform You of our Numbers & Situation, & shall be extreamly happy to receive any Commands or Directions which You are pleased to give me.

I wish You health and Happiness, with much Success in Your next Attack.

(signed)

John Forbes.

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from Brigr. General Forbes to Major Genl. Abercromby. — July 25th. 1758. in M. G. Abercromby's of Aug. 19th. 1758.

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By H. E. Jas. Abercromby Esqr. &ca.

To Peter Schuyler Esqr.

Whereas we have in Our Hands a Captain, four Lieuts, & three Cadets of H. M. C. M's, Regular Forces, taken Prisoners in Our late Enterprize against Ticonderoga; And, Whereas, on the other Hand, the French have, (beside Yourself & Capt. Lieut. Martin of the R. R. of Artillery, now return=ing to Canada pursuant to Your Paroles,) Capt. Lieut. Pringle, Lieut. Roach, & Ensign Downing, for all whom I shou'd be willing to bring about an Exchange which by Your being on the Spot may be Effected without any Loss of Time, if his M. C. M's Generals shou'd be inclinable thereto; These are therefore to authorize and empower You, to treat with His Excellency the Marquis de Vaudreuil, the Marquis de Montcalm, or any other Person authorised on the Part of H. M. C. M, to make the above Exchange of prisoners, upon the following Conditions, that is to say, Officer for Officer of equal Rank, vizt Yourself who rank as a Captain in H. M's Troops, against Capt. Bon=neau, and the four French Lieuts, against Capt St. Martin, Capt Lt. Pringle, Lieut. Roach, & Ensign Downing; Observing that this Exchange, upon the Above Conditions, is to go hand in Hand & no

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Ways seperate for any or either of the above Parties; And if the same can be effected, in that Manner, You are hereby authorized to sign any Deed or Deeds necessary upon this Occasion, which I do engage to satisfy.

Given &ca at Lake George.

This 21st Day of July 1758.

Endorsed Warrant / empowering Colo Schuyler to treat for / an Exchange of Prisoners. / July 21st 1758. / in M. G. Abercromby's of Augt. 19th 1758. / 4.

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Camp at Lake George July 21st. 1758.

Sir.

I have the Honour to acquaint You, by Lieut. Small the Bearer of this Letter, that Capt. Bonneau, Lieut.s Jaubert, La Rochelle, Le Chevalier de Bessie & le Chevalier Bernard; Messieurs Granet & Premillac, Cadets, together with 144 Non Com-missiond Officers and Private Men of the Troops under Your Command, were taken Prisoners in the Affair of the 6th. who have been treated with all Humanity and Care, and I make no Doubt but You will do the same to any English Officers or Soldiers, who may have fallen into Your Hands. I beg You will be pleased, to send me a List of the Officers, by the Bearer, with the Number of Private Men.

The Flagg of Truce which conveys this Letter to Your Excellency, accompany's like-wise Col.o Schuyler and Capt. Martin, who have been detained by me, till now, with no other View than that of accommodating some of Your Officers, who had sollicited me to propose the Exchange I offer'd the Marquis de Vaudreuil, and seem'd confident His Excellency wou'd gladly come into it, but as he has refused to acquiesce to that Proposal, I now return You the above

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Gentlemen; and to convince Your Excellency how desirous I am, to carry on the War in this Country with the same Humanity and Generosity it is in Europe, and ought to be every=where, I have not scrupled, at the Instance of Capt. Corriveau, to suffer him to Return to Canada on His Parole, in order to settle his Affairs, for which Purpose I have granted him 6 Months, at the Expiration of which, if he is not sooner Exchanged, I shall expect him back at New York; Meanwhile, I would likewise recom=mend it to Your Excellency, if You are inclin=able to an Exchange to let me know Your Pro=posals thereupon, by the Return of the Flagg of Truce, as You must be sensible that whatever good Treatment Prisoners may meet with, during their Captivity, they must nevertheless labour under vast Anxieties. –

I am &ca.

Marquis de Montcalm.

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Au Camp de Carillon le 24 Juillet 1758.

Monsieur,

J'ay reçû hier au Soir la Lettre que vôtre Excellence m'a fait l'honneur de m'écrire par le Lieutenant Small; les Colonel Schuyler et Capitaine Martin que je vais faire passer à Mr. le Marquis de Vaudreuil m'ont été remis en même tems; c'est sur la Demande de ces deux Officiers, que j'ai gardé le Lieutenant Small aujourd'huy, pour qu'ils puissent écrire par lui; — J'ai toute la Reconnoissance possible du bon Traitement que vous voulés bien faire à nos Officiers et soldats, Prisonniers; j'en étois bien persuadé d'avance; je n'ai pas besoin de vous marquer que nous en usons de même en toute Occasion, et en mon particulier j'y aurai toujours la plus grande Attention. — J'ai l'honneur d'adresser à vôtre Excellence quelques Lettres pour nos Officiers Prisonniers, et une que j'écris à mon particulier au Sieur de Bonneau, Capitaine au Regiment de Guyenne; Votre Excellence n'ignore pas que l'affaire du Huit a duré jusqu'à la Nuit; je n'ai pû faire reconnoitre le Champ de Bataille que le Lendemain Matin, et le Delay d'une Nuit a été fatal aux Blessés qui y ont restés; J'ay eû la plus grande Attention de faire retirer tous ceux

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qui s'y sont trouvés au Nombre de Soixante dix, malgré tous les Soins que je leur ai fait donner, et les mêmes qu'à nos Troupes, les blessures étoient considerables, et Il en est mort la plus grande Partie; Il en reste trente quatre, qui ont été en Etat d'etre conduits, ainsi que les notres, à Montreal, où ils seront soignés avec grande Attention. Depuis l'Affaire, il est venu un Ser-gent, qui s'est declaré Prisonnier, et Serjent d'Af-faire du Regiment de la Nouvelle York. Dans le Nombre des blessés nous n'avons reconnûs que deux Officiers, qui etoient sans connoissance; on n'en a pû Rien tirer; Je crois l'un, d'après sa Commission, George Needham, Capᵉ dans le Regiment de Thomas Murray, depuis l'Affaire un Party nous a amené sept Prisonniers, qui se sont declarés être du Regiment de Nicholson levé dans la Nouvelle Angleterre; Avant l'Af-faire et depuis que le Capᵉ Pringle, et le Lieutenant Roche ont été faits Prisonniers, nous n'en avons eû d'autres qu'un Enseigne du Regiment de My Lord Howe; Il en à été envoyé une Note lorsque le Sieur Wolff, Lieutenant de nos Troupes, vous a porte les Reponses de Mʳ le Marquis de Vaudreuil. Quelques jours après nous avons fait dix neuf Prisonniers avec un Officier des Compagnies

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de Robert Rogers.

Vôtre Excellence a dû voir par les Lettres de Mr. le Marquis de Vaudreuil que l'Obstacle aux Echanges Particuliers vient de l'Inexecution de la Capitulation que j'ai accordé à la Garnison du Fort Guillaume Henry, et comme il est Question de mon Fait propre, je ne veux Rien dire, mais je n'ai Rien à me reprocher dans cette Occasion; je crois même que toute l'Angleterre me rend justice, et depuis trente six Ans que j'ay l'honneur de Servir le Roy Mon Maitre, je crois ne m'être jamais autant exposé personnellement que je l'ai fait pour la Garantie de ma Parole. Au reste, Personne ne desireroit plus que moy les Echanges; quelque bien traités que soient les Prisonniers, leur Etat est toujours à plaindre: Mais quoique j'ay l'honneur de Commander les Troupes du Roy à la Guerre, je suis aux Ordres du Marquis de Vaudreuil, Gouverneur General de la Nouvelle France; je luy envois Copie de la Lettre que vous m'avés fait l'honneur de m'écrire. Je luy demande de me faire Part promptement de ses Intentions, et s'il y auroit Moyen d'apporter quelque Temperament pour repondre à vos Vues sur les échanges Particuliers, j'aurois

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l'honneur de les faire parvenir sur le Champ a Votre Excellence, en observant la même Forme, qu'elle a observé en m'envoyant le Lieutenant Small, auquel je donne un Detachement pour son Retour et sa Sureté qui a Ordre de l'accom=pagner jusqu'à Portée de vôtre Premiere Poste.

Je vous remercie de la Gracieuse Per=mission que vous avés accordes au Sieur Corriveau, Capitaine de Milices, et je vous reponds que s'il n'y a pas Moyen de faire des échanges, il sera rendu au Fort Edward à l'Expiration de la Permission que vous avés bien voulû luy accorder.

J'ay l'honneur d'être avec la plus grande Consideration,

Monsieur

Votre tres humble et très

Obeissant Serviteur

Montcalm.

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À Montreal le 1er Aoust, 1758.

Monsieur

J'ay reçu la Lettre que Vôtre Excellence m'a fait l'honneur de m'écrire du 26 du Mois dernier.

Je ne vous renouvelleray pas mes Observations sur tout ce qui concerne la Capitulation du Fort Guillaume Henry. Ce que vous me faites l'honneur de me marquer à ce Sujet, me persuade que c'est un Objet dont la Décision regarde Actuellement les Roys nos Maitres, qui jugeront de la Droiture de mes Intentions à cet égard.—

Je persiste toujours dans les Sentimens d'humanité dont votre Excellence est elle même penêtrée, Ces Dispositions vous sont, Monsieur, un Surgarand de la Façon dont j'en useray même envers les Sujets du Roy votre Maitre dependant de cette Capitulation autant qu'il sera en mon Pouvoir.

Je suis très sensible à la Liberté que vôtre Excellence a bien voulu donner au Capne Corriveau de revenir en cette Colonie sur sa Parole, et quoique j'estime qu'il ne fût pas dans le Cas d'en donner, je ne le ferai pas moins rendre auprès de Vôtre Excellence dans le Delay qu'elle luy a accordé

M. Le Mis de Montcalm m'a rendu

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compte de l'Attention que vous avés eu de luy donner des Nouvelles des Officiers et Soldats qui furent pris à l'Affaire du 6. Agreés Je vous prie Monsieur, mes Remercimens du bon Traitement que vous avés bien voulu leur accorder. Je feray toujours de mon mieux pour n'être point en Reste avec Votre Excellence à cet Egard. —

Le Colonel Schuyler m'a communiqué le Pouvoir que Votre Excellence luy a donné pour traiter avec moy de l'Échange des Officiers y denommés. J'accepterois, Monsieur, avec Plaisir cette Echange, mais j'ay l'honneur de proposer à Votre Excellence de faire rejaillir en même Tems sur tous les autres Prisonniers qui sont en vos Mains les mêmes Sentimens d'humanité que vous avés pour les Officiers, et de les échanger. Je pense que vous y consentirés volontiers, puisque le Colonel Schuyler m'a paru vouloir prendre sur luy de faire cette échange, mais comme ses Ordres ne l'authorisent qu'à celle des Officiers j'ay jugé qu'il convenoit de sçavoir auparavant les Intentions de votre Excellence à ce Sujet. J'entends neanmoins vous demander par Préférence dans cette échange ceux qui dependent de Cette Colonie tant en Soldats qu'en Miliciens Canadiens, et uniquement ceux faits Prisonniers depuis le

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9 Aoust 1757 et si vous acceptés cette Proposition, je vous prie de m'envoyer la Liste des Prisonniers qui sont chez vous, et j'authoriseray M. le Mis de Montcalm à convenir avec votre Excellence des Moyens et du Lieu le plus propre à terminer ces Échanges de la Main à la Main. —

Je me feray toujours un vray Plaisir de donner à vôtre Excellence des Marques de la Sincerité de mes Intentions par la Facilité avec laquelle je traiteray sans m'attacher même trop scrupuleusement à l'égalité des Rangs.

Si le Sr de Bellêtre, Cadets des Troupes de la Marine, pris aux Environs du Fort Cumberland en Virginie est actuellement à la Disposition de Votre Excellence, je la prie de le comprendre dans cette Échange.

Je saisiray toujours avec empressement toutes les Occasions pour prouver à votre Excellence combien je suis charmé d'être en Correspondance avec elle, ce qui me donnera Lieu de luy renouveller les Assurances du plus grand Respect avec lequel j'ay l'honneur d'être,

Monsieur,

Votre très humble et très
Obeissant Serviteur
Vaudreuil.

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P.S.

Sur les Assurances que le Colonel Schuyler m'a donné que le Chirurgien Major Stakes est retenu pas les Raisons d'une Maladie serieuse, Je trouveray bon qui reste chés luy jusques au Tems de l'Echange generale que je propose à vôtre Excellence, si elle a Lieu.

J'ay un vray Plaisir, Monsieur, à mettre sous le Couvert de Votre Excellence les Depêches cy jointes de Mr Schuyler et d'autres Officiers Anglais. —

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Montreal, August 1st 1758.

May it please Your Excellency —

Your Excellency's Proposal for an Exchange of Officers by me to Marquis de Vaudreuil will be agreed to with this Condition, that the whole of the Prisoners You are possessed of may be exchanged at the same Time. I am told that General de Vaudreuil has order'd his Prisoners to be collected, that they may be ready on the Day, which shall be agreed on to exchange them. I hope Your Excellency will not slip this Opportunity, nor delay calling up Your Prisoners speedily, fearing what might happen to retard the Exchange; We are impatient here, as must be every Man in Our Situation. — If Doct^r Stakes is not on his Way, he need not be sent. — We have been most kindly received and treated by the Marquis de Vaudreuil, and the Gentlemen of this Place. — Capt Pringle, and the Rest of the Officers are at Quebec, and well,

I am with due Respect

Your Excellency's

Most obedient and Most

humble Servant

Peter Schuyler.

To His Excell^y James Abercromby Esqr &c^a, &c^a, &c^a, — Copy

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Au Camp du Carillon le 11e Aoust 1758.

Monsieur

J'ai l'honneur de faire passer à vôtre Excellence, par le Lieutenant Wolfs, la Reponse de Mr. le Marquis de Vaudreuil aux Propositions qu'elle m'avoit fait celui de m'adresser concernant L'Echange des Prisonniers. Si les Propositions de ce Gouverneur General vous sont agréables, comme j'en suis persuadé, sur vôtre Reponse, que je lui ferois passer promptement, Il me renverroit tous les Officiers Anglois, Prisonniers, qui sont actuellement en nôtre Pouvoir, et nous y joindrions un Nombre suffisant d'autres Prisonniers pour repondre à celui d'Officiers, Sergens, Soldats, Miliciens que vous avés à nous, et dont vous nous envverriez L'état. Je prierai Mr. le Marquis de Vaudreuil de me prevenir du tems où les dits Prisonniers pourroient vous être remis, afin que Votre Excellence en étant prevenû, nous fasse ramener les nôtres pour que L'Echange puisse être consommé le même jour dans un Endroit convenu, et je proposerois à Votre Excellence que ce fût dans la Plus grande des Milles Isles au Millieu du Lac à Hauteur de la Baye de Ganaousté. Votre Excellence ne penseroit elle pas, si elle accepte la Reponse

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du Marquis de Vaudreuil à ses Propositions, qu'il seroit bon de faire abboucher dans le même Endroit un Officier des Troupes de sa Majesté Britannique avec un des nôtres munis de pleins Pouvoirs de vôtre Part et de la mienne pour pouvoir faire l'évaluation des Grades, dans le Cas ou nous n'aurions pas des Officiers de même Grade ou un Nombre égal suivant ce qui est accoutumé dans les Cartels d'échange.

Je prends la Liberté d'adresser à votre Excellence quelques Lettres toutes ouvertes qui m'ont été remises. J'ai remis aussi au Sieur Wolfs un Portrait que le Lieutenant Small avoit redemandé avec empressement et le Sr. D'Aubrespy, Capt. au Regiment de Bearn entre les mains de qui il est tombé le lui renvoye avec grande Satisfaction. –

J'ai l'honneur d'être avec le plus grande Consideration,

Monsieur,

Vôtre très humble et très Obeissant Serviteur

Montcalm.

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Camp at Lake George Aug: 12th 1757.

Sir,

At one o'clock this Morning I was honoured with Your Excellency's Letter of the 1st Instant, which was deliver'd to me by Mr. Wolf, whom I have detained to be the Bearer of this Answer.

After the Circumstances, which have obliged me to annul and make void the Capitulation of Fort William Henry, I have nothing more to add upon that Subject, unless it be that I flatter myself I shall have no occasion to complain of Your Excellency's Sentiments of Humanity in the most strict Sense, as Your Treatment of Our Prisoners shall be a Standing Rule for my Behaviour towards Yours, and the Fate of the one shall decide that of the other.

I am glad I have had it in my Power to oblige Your Excellency, in Permitting Capt. Corriseau to return on his Parole, if he is not sooner exchanged, I shall expect him back by the Time prescribed.

It gives me great Pleasure that Your Excellency is satisfied with the Treatment Your Prisoners, that were taken in the Affair of the 6th have met with, You may rely on my doing every Thing for them that lays in

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my Power, I have recommended them to the Govr of New York and have forwarded to them such Letters and Things as were sent them, by their Friends at Ticonderoga. I fear not in the Least Your Excellency will in that Respect be behind hand with me. —

Your Excellency does me Justice in Attributing to me, the same Sentiments of Humanity, for the other Prisoners in my Custody, that I have for the Officers; as a Proof of which, I wou'd propose to Your Excellency a General Exchange from the Commencement of the War in these Parts; were I to exclude those taken Prior to the 9th of Augst 1757. I shou'd not only forfeit the Good Opinion Your Excellency is pleased to Honour me with, but I shou'd also forfeit the Trust my Master has reposed in me by a Partiality to some of his Subjects, in Prejudice to others, which I can by no Means answer; but to convince You how much I have this Exchange really at heart, I will by the very first Packet lay this Affair before His Majesty, and wait his Instructions thereupon. Meanwhile, that need not put a Stop to the Exchange I proposed to you in my last, of the Officers, which Colo Schuyler is sufficiently authorized to treat about; in Regard to

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which, he shall, by this Opportunity Receive a further Power, not to be over scrupulous in Regard to equalities of Rank. —

As Your Excellency interests Yourself for the Sr de Bellêtre, I need no other Motive than that, to seize the very first Opportunity of writing to Virginia about him, and getting him here to send Your Excellency.

Having been informed that Mr Stakes's Illness, was not so serious as to prevent his coming in Time to accompany Colo Schuyler, I immediately upon his Arrival here order'd him in Arrest, in which he has continued ever since, & notwithstanding Your Indulgence to him, at which I am very sensible, I return him to You by Mr Roif; — I cannot nevertheless help observing to Your Excellency, that this Gentleman, pursuant to the Customs of War, ought not to have been looked upon as a Prisoner, but rather ought to have been sent back as soon as conveniently cou'd be done, after being taken, which is the Case with all Surgeons.

The Letters which Your Excellency put under my Cover shall be strictly forwarded. —

I have nothing further to add, than that

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I shall lose no Opportunities of convincing Your Excellency of the great Respect with which I have the Honor to be, Sir, &c. —

The Marq.s de Vaudreuil.

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Camp at Lake George, Augt. 12th 1758

Sir

I learnt with great Satisfaction by Your Letter of the 1st Instant (received this Morning at one o'Clock) the kind Reception & Treatment You have met with from the Marquis de Vaudreuil and the other Gentlemen at Montreal; I expected no otherwise from their known Civility, which You may assure them I shall not fail to Return to those of their Troops which the Fate of War has put into my Hands; I am likewise Glad to hear that Your Fellow Captives are well, and I beg You will remember me to them, and to acquaint them that nothing shall be wanting on my Side to procure them their Liberty; for which Purpose You are hereby further Empower'd to receive from H. E. the M. de Vaudreuil a List of Our Officers now Prisoners in Canada, and to see in what Manner he proposes they shou'd be exchanged, in which, as H. E. on his Side, has promised not to adhere too Scrupulously to Equalities of Rank, you will likewise on Your Side not be over Strict, and for such of Our Officers as we may not have French Officers to give in Exchange, You will agree with the M. de Vaudreuil, to give a certain

Number of their Men. which I do not limit, as I dare Flatter myself H. E. will not ask more than You can reasonably give, besides were I to fix the Number, and it was notapproved of, it wou'd only retard Your Enlargement, which I am desirous of forwarding to my utmost.

You will Perhaps be surprized, that notwithstanding what You mention to me, I again confine this Exchange to the Proposal You carried from me to the Marquis, whose Sense You have not well understood; if You ask him to shew You his Letter to me upon that Subject, and my present answer thereto, You will see there is great Room to think no other Exchange can take Place for the Present, as his Excellency's Proposal excludes all the Prisoners taken before the 9th Aug: 1757 which I cannot take upon me without Instructions from the King before whom I shall lay this whole Affair by the very next Packet: If contrary to my Expectations the Marquis will agree to my Plan of a general Exchange, since the Commencement of the War in this Country, You are likewise hereby fully authorised and empower'd to enter into Negotiation with the M. de Vaudreuil, and as soon as I know his

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Sentiments upon that Head, I shall collect all the Prisoners, & we shall then fix on a Time and Place to make the Exchange: But I shou'd think the best Way won'd be to begin with the Officers, which I have proposed to Mr Vaudreuil, who I hope will agree to it, and that Consequently, I shall soon have the Pleasure of seeing You, and the Rest of the Gentlemen. —

Your Letters have been Forwarded to Albany: Capt. Martin's have been deliver'd to Capt. Ord, and the others have likewise been taken care off; There are several for You under Cover of the M. de Vaudreuil

Notwithstanding the Marquis's Indulgence to Mr Stakes, I return him with Lieut. Wolf; He has been under Arrest ever since he came into Camp, for Forfeiture of his Parole whilst it was in his Power to have avoided. I thought I cou'd do no less in Justice to the Faith that ought to subsist between Nation & Nation. —

I am, &ca

Peter Schuyler Esqr at Montreal

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Camp at Lake George August 12th. 1758.

Sir,

By the Return of Lieut. Small I was honored with Your Excellency's Letter of the 24th. Ultimo; And this Morning, at one o'clock, with that of yesterday by Lieut. Wolf, who will be charged with this for Your Excellency, and another for the Marquis de Vaudreuil, which I beg Leave to recommend to You, as it contains my Answer to his last Proposal, which I cannot possibly agree to, as those poor unfortunate People taken Prisoners prior to the 9th of Augst. 1757. and of Course have been so much longer in Confinement than the others have a Right to expect not to be excluded, if any Exchange is agreed upon at all; wherefore if a general Exchange cannot take Place, we may defer the one the Marquis proposes, until I receive an Answer from my Court, to whom I shall write upon that Subject by the very next Packet; Meanwhile, that need not, as I mention to Mr. Vaudreuil, retard the Exchange of the Officers I proposed before, for which Mr Schuyler is already empower'd to treat; and untill I am informed what Resolution the Marquis de Vaudreuil will come to, I believe it is needless to trouble Your Excellency with fixing on any Place or Person to carry on this

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Negotiation. —

I have taken particular Care of the Letters, Your Excellency put under my Cover the first Time, which I sent to the Govr of New York, together with the Trunk for Capt. Bonneau, and I shall be no less punctual in forwarding those You have sent me now, or that You may hereafter be desirous of transmitting. I can assure You I have done every Thing, in my Power to render the Captivity of Your Gentlemen as little Irksome as possible; I have recommended them to the Governor, who has promised to make them as easy as they cou'd expect under their present Circumstances: they are on Long Island, which is a very fine and healthy Country, and if the mony You have sent them shou'd be exhausted, I have desired Credit might be procured upon their Bills; in Short, Sir, nothing shall be wanting on my side to convince You, how desirous I am not to be behind hand with You, in the good treatment of those Persons that the Fate of War, reciprocally throw into our Hands, nor can I believe it possible for Regular Troops to breathe any other Sentiments. I need not therefore add how happy it wou'd be if Your Excellency's own Sentiments cou'd be inspired into the Minds of

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those Kind of People under Your Command, that not only take the Figure and dress of the Savages, but likewise take Pleasure in Outdoing them in their Barbarities and Cruelties. —

Mr Wolf has deliver'd me the Picture, which Your Excellency has been so kind as to send back, at the Instance of Lieut. Small, for which I beg Leave to return You my most sincere Acknowledgements, and shou'd take it as a Favor that You wou'd Express for me to Captain D'Aubrespy my high sense of his Civility, and how desirous I shou'd be of the Opportunity of obliging him. —

Permit me to observe to Your Excellency, that Lieut. Wolf, when he came in last Night, instead of Coming as he ought to have done, thro' the Middle of the Lake, came all the Way in Shore, which might have been attended with Consequences which I cou'd by no Means have been answerable for, —

I send Back Doctor Stakes under the Care of Lieut. Wolf. —

I have the Honor to be &ca.

Marqs. de Montcalm.

Endorsed To the M. de Montcalm / Aug. 12th 1758. / in M. G. Abercromby's of / Augt. 19th 1758. / 12.

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Au camp de Carillon, le 13 Aoust 1758.

Monsieur,

Je differe d'envoyer à Mons.r Le Marquis de Vaudreuil la Reponse de Vôtre Excellence, et je vous envoye Le S.r de Bougainville, l'un de mes Aydes de Camp, qui est en êtat de s'expliquer sur un Article de la Lettre de M.r Le Marquis de Vaudreuil au sujet de l'Echange, que je crois que Votre Excellence n'a pas bien comprès; Ce qui vient peutêtre de ce que nous ne nous sommes pas assés clairement expliqué. Vous pouvés Ajouter Créance à ce que vous dira Le S.r de Bougainville, et je vous supplie de lui donner sur le Champ vôtre Reponse, afin que je la fasse auplutôst passer à M.r Le Marquis de Vaudreuil.

Je vous renouvelle les Assurances de toute Mon Attention pour vos Prisonniers. —

J'ai l'honneur d'être, avec la plus grande Consideration,

Monsieur,

Vôtre très humble et très Obeissant Serviteur

Montcalm

Copy.

Endorsed Copy / A Letter from The Marquis de Montcalm to M. G. Abercromby. - / Aug: 13th 1758. / in M.G. Abercromby's of / Aug.t 19th 1758. / 13.

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Camp at Lake George Sep.r 8.th 1758

Sir

The Day after my last Dispatches we had Accounts of the Surrender of Louisbourg on the 26th July, and altho' those Accounts were very circumstantial, and scarce left any Room to doubt the Truth of them, Yet as I had no Letters either from Admiral Boscawen, or Major Gen.l Amherst, I thought it was better not to stop the Packet, nor to mention any Thing of it till I received the Confirmation, which did not come to my Hands, till the 27th of last Month, when I had two short Letters, acquainting me with that happy Event, on which I beg Leave to congratulate You. —

Maj.r Gen Amherst, not having, I suppose, received the Letter, I mention'd in my last to have sent him, which might well be, as his to me bears date so early as the 27th July, he only tells me; "I cannot yet judge "in what Manner we shall be able to pursue "the future Operations of the Campaign, I hope "it will be found practicable to get to Quebec, "which is what I wish the most to do."

In this Uncertainty I thought it incumbent on me, to lose no Time in renewing

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my Application for Assistance, this Way, in case it shou'd not be found practicable to get to Quebec; wherefore I immediately wrote to M. Gl. Amherst on that Subject; desiring further, to be informed as early as possible of the Resolutions he and the Admiral shou'd come to, it being very essential for me to be acquainted with them.

And, as, in Obedience to his Majesty's Commands, not to lessen the Number of those Allotted for the Service to the Eastward, I had deprived myself of several Artillery Officers and Men, which we stand in great need of on this Side, particularly the Officers, I desired Majr. Gen. Amherst, to send me a Proportion of them, along with the Troops that should come this Way.

I also desired some Engineers, the Want of which I likewise feel, as Lieut. Col. Montresor is not able to undergo the Fatigues of a Campaign, nor did not join the Army till after Our Return from Ticonderoga, and even then staid but a few Days in Camp, when I was obliged to send him to Fort Edward, whence he has desired Leave to go lower Down the Country expecting, he says, by the Month of November next, to receive Permission to retire; — This together with the Loss of Mr. Clark, some employ'd in

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building a strong Post at the Oneida Carrying Place, and others gone with Brig^r Gen. Forbes, leaves Me but very few here able to conduct a Siege.

Eight Days thereafter, long before that Letter cou'd reach Major General Amherst, I received one from him, bearing Date the 10th of August, (a Copy of which You have enclosed) containing a Disposition and Destination of the Troops under his Command, six Battalions of which, with Brig^r Gen. Lawrence, he intended to send to Boston, whither he intended likewise to go, unless something unforeseen might stop him at Louisbourg.

Upon the Receipt of that Letter, (by Capt. Macintosh whom I have sent to join Brig^r Gen. Forbes) I immediately dispatched Capt. Abercrombie, one of my Aid de Camps, to Boston, with two Letters directed to M. G. Amherst, or the Officer Commanding those six Battalions; the one, in Case of their Arrival, to conduct them hither; the other, upon a Supposition that he might meet with them at Sea (for which Purpose he is directed to hire a small Vessell and cruise for them at a certain Distance,) to order them directly to New York.—

The Reasons for ordering them to come that Way, is, on Account of the vast Distance

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from Boston to this, which must at Least occasion the Troops a three Weeks march, & greatly fatigue them; besides it wou'd not be so easy to provide them with Quarters and Provisions on that Road; Whereas by the Way of New York, they have no Necessity for any Quarters, as they may step out of their Ships into Sloops, & with a fair Wind up the Hudson's River, reach Albany in 48 Hours or less, and New York being our Principal Magazine for Provisions, they can be provided with them on Demand. —

I have accordingly wrote to Lieut. Gov.r De Lancey, acquainting him with the Probability of such a Body of Troops coming his Way, and begging his Assistance in providing every Thing requisite for their Reception, and the forwarding them up here in the greatest Readiness.

I have also wrote to Gov.r Pownall, requesting that if they landed at Boston, he wou'd lend them all the Aid in his Power, by impressing Carriages and procuring them whatever else they might stand in Need of on their Way hither, to hasten which, and that they might be less encumber'd, I have directed in my Letter to Major Gen. Amherst, that the Officers shou'd take Nothing but a Bear Skin, a Blanket, and

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a Portmanteau, and to send their heavy Baggage Round by New York.

If they arrive in Time, Which I hope they may, and from the Intelligence we can get, it be found practicable to make a Second Attempt upon Ticonderoga, I shall not fail to improve the Advantage of this Reinforce=ment, and with their Assistance & that of the divine Providence I hope we shall prove more successfull.

But notwithstanding the Reduction of Louisbourg, and the proposed Diversion up the River St. Lawrence, I cannot learn from the Deserters lately come in, nor from the Reconnoitring Parties I have sent out, that any of their Troops have been recalled; Indeed some of their Canadians and Indians are gone to reap their Harvest, but are under Orders to return at a Moments Warning.—

All the Deserters agree that Monsr. Montcalm expects us to return, and is prepared for our Reception, having encreased and strength=ened their Works considerably; from which, and nothing material having happen'd since Rogers's Affair of the 8th, Mentioned in my last; I apprehend they mean to act on the Defensive.

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The Marquis de Vaudreuil, in his Letter of the 27th August, which I received the 2d Instant, by a Flagg of Truce, has according to my Expectations, declined the General Exchange I proposed, to him, as also the Particular one of the Officers, assigning sundry Reasons which I shall not trouble You with a Repetition of, as I have the Honor to enclose You a Copy of his Letter, with that of my Reply, which is Short and puts an End to a Negotiation that promises no Success, and gave them an Opportunity of coming here oftner than it was prudent they shou'd.

By a Letter from Brigr Gen. Stanwix of the 20th Ultimo, Lieut. Col. Bradstreet with the Troops under his Command, amounting, as per the enclosed Return to upwards of 3000 Men, had got to Oswego, and were that very Day to embark on Lake Ontario in their Way to Cadaraqui, which I just now learn they have had the good Fortune to reduce; how true, I will not venture to assert; but I must own, that notwithstanding I have no Accounts of it from Col. Bradstreet himself, yet I cannot refuse giving some Credit to it, as the Letter, which brings this Intelligence, is wrote by a Lieutenant of one of the Independent Companies (who was with Col. Bradstreet) to Brigadier General

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Stanwix's Brigade Major, and is so Circumstantial, as You will see by the enclosed Copy, that I do expect to receive the Confirmation of it every Moment, upon the Strength of which, I have sent an Express to Brigr Gen. Forbes, to acquaint him with it, and also have order'd a Packet to be held in Readiness to sail at a Moments Warning, that You might have the earliest Notice of it in my Power; and for that Purpose I have prepared this Letter, that I may have nothing to add but my hearty Felicitations on this great and advantagious Acquisition. —

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient & most humble Servant

James Abercromby.

The Rt Hon: William Pitt Esqr

Endorsed Camp at Lake George Septr 3rd / 1758.
M. Gl Abercromby, R Octr 30th

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Schedule of Papers enclosed and referred to in M. G. Abercromby's Letter to the Right Honble William Pitt Esqr Dated, Lake George, Sepr 8th 1758.

1. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to M. G. Abercromby – Dated the 10th August 1758.
2. D^o ..... from Mr Vaudreuil to D^o – Aug^st 27th 1758.
3. D^o .... from M. Gen. Abercromby to Mr Vaudreuil, Sepr 2^d
4. Return of His Majesty's Forces detatched from the Oneida station under the Command of Lt Col^l Bradstreet. Aug^st 16th
5. Copy of a Letter from L^t McAuray to Capt. Gates. Aug^st 30th —

Endorsed Schedule of Papers enclosed in M. G. Abercrombys Letter to Mr Sec^ry Pitt, dated Sepr 8th 1758. —

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Camp of Louisbourg August 10th 1758.

Sir

The Garrison of Louisbourg was embarked yesterday, and I hope will sail very soon, there will, now, only remain the Sick in the Hospitals, who are numerous, and the Inhabitants, to send away hereafter.

I send You enclosed, Sir, the Resolutions taken by Mr Boscawen and me, which shall be executed with all the Dispatch that is possible.

I intend to leave four Battalions in Louisbourg, & Brigr Gen. Whitmore to command there.

I shall send two Battalions, and one of the four from Louisbourg to go up the River St Lawrence, under the Command of Brigr Gen. Wolfe, who will afterwards leave the Battalion at Louisbourg and take the other two to Halifax. Whitmore's, Bragg's, Hopson's, & Warburtons for Louisbourg. Amherst's, Anstruther's (which two Regiments are very sickly, and will leave their Sick here,) and Bragg's for the River St Lawrence.

I shall send two Battalions to the Bay of Fundy, and if I can contrive it, I shall give the Command of that Expedition to Coll. Monckton, who is at present at Halifax.

With the remaining Six Battalions, I intend

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Brig.r Gen. Lawrence shou'd go to Boston, where I intend likewise to go unless something unforeseen may stop me here, and I shall be glad to receive any Commands You may have for me, which I shall try to execute to the best of my Power. I am,

Sir,

Your most humble

and most obedient Servant

Jeff. Amherst

His Excellency General

Abercromby, Commander

in Chief.

I send this by Capt. Macintosh, who is to join Brig.r Gen. Forbes, after he has deliver'd this to You, which I tell him to do as soon as possible.

Enclosed is a State of the Garrison of Louisbourg: the Capitulation I sent You some Time since.

Endorsed Copy / a Letter from M. G. Amherst to / M. Gen. Abercromby. / Aug.st 10.th 1758. / in M. G. Abercromby's of Sept. 8. / 1758. / 1.

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À Montreal le 27th Aoust. 1758.

Monsieur

J'ay reçu la Lettre que Votre Excellence m'a fait l'honneur de m'écrire le 12. de ce Mois.

Je n'ay, Monsieur, rien à ajouter aux Assurances que je vous ay données des Sentiments d'humanité dont je seray toujours animé, j'en ay constament donné des Preuves par la façon avec la quelle j'ay traité les Sujets du Roy vôtre Maitre que les évenéms de cette Guerre ont fait tomber en mes Mains.

Agréés que j'ay l'honneur de renouveller à vôtre Excellence mes Remercimens du bon Traitement qu'elle veut bien accorder aux Officiers et autres Prisonniers François qui sont à Sa Disposition. Messrs Schuyler et Martin pourront, Monsieur, vous certifier que je ne suis point en Reste avec vous à cet égard.

Je m'attendois si peu, Monsieur, à la Proposition que vôtre Excellence me fait de faire une échange générale de tous les Prisonniers depuis le Commencement de la Guerre en ce Pays que je me flatois que vous seriés penetré de ce qu'avant d'adherer à aucune de vos Propositions, je n'avois point insisté avec toute la Fermeté que je pourrois à exiger par un Préalable le Prompt Renvoy

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des Sujets du Roy mon Maitre, qui quoique dans la Nouvelle Engleterre, sont libres depuis le 9. Aoust 1757 aux Termes de la Capitulation du Fort William Henry; Tout ce que j'ay écrit à ce Sujet à Milord Loudoun et successivement à Votre Excellence est fondé sur la Justice même et sur les Loix de la Guerre, mais Votre Excellence me declare d'un coté qu'elle a annullé et rendu inutile cette Capitulation, et de l'autre que si elle excluoit de l'Échange en Question Les François pris avant le 9 Aoust, elle manqueroit à la confiance que le Roy d'Engleterre a en elle, je pense que vous vous appercevrés, Monsieur, de la contrarieté qui se trouve dans ces deux Expressions, car si vous avés été assés authorisé pour annuller cette Capitulation, vous n'aves pas besoin d'attendre les Ordres du Roy vôtre Maitre pour faire l'Échange des Prisonniers faits posterieurement à cette Capitulation, au surplus, Monsieur, vous ne pouvés ny même le Roy vôtre Maitre nuire au Droit qui est legitimement acquis en Vertu de cette Capitulation, dans la Place que le Roy mon Maitre m'a confié; je n'y derogeray jamais; et ce n'a été, Monsieur, que dans la Vue de Satisfaire au Desir que vous m'avés temoigné de ravoir vos Prisonniers, que j'ai eu l'honneur

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de vous marquer que je me persuadois que l'Objet de cette Capitulation etoit maintenant à la Décision des Roys nos Maitres.

Je ne puis donc, Monsieur, restreindre aux seuls Officiers l'Echange que j'ay eu l'honneur de proposer à vôtre Excellence, ni y donner plus d'Eten=düe que celle qu'elle doit naturellement avoir, c'est à dire, a commencer par les Prisonniers faits depuis le 9th Aoust 1757 et la Proposition reste dans son Entier, il ne tient qu'à vôtre Excellence de l'accepter et de me honorer d'une Reponce positive.

Comme je m'apperçois que vôtre Excellence craint que cette Echange ne soit point suffisant pour procurer la Liberté aux Anglais qui sont en mon Pouvoir, je consens qu'elle en complette le Nombre même les Francais pris par Mer, dont l'Echange sera fait en même Temps, et dont je la prie de vouloir bien m'envoyer aussy une Liste. —

M. Schuyler m'a communiqué la lettre que votre Excellence luy a ecrite, il auroit bien sou=haité que le Pouvoir qu'elle luy a donné fut aussy etendu que le cas l'exige, il attend sa Liberté de la Reponce dont vous voudrés bien m'honorer et du plus ample Pouvoir, qu'il espere que vous luy donnerés,

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c'est dans cette Confiance, Monsieur, que je le garde en cette Ville, où il à toujours beaucoup d'Agré=ment, mais je l'ay prevenu que sitôt votre Reponce recue je ne pourrois me dispenser de le renvoyer à Quebec de même que tous les Prisonniers qui sont aussy en cette Ville, si vous n'adheriez pas à ma Proposition.

Je suis, Monsieur, très sensible à la Bonté que votre Excellence veut bien avoir de me promettre le Prochain Renvoy du Sr. de Belletre. Je saisiray avec Empressement la Premiere Occasion pour correspondre à vôtre Generosité.

A l'egard de Mr. Stairs j'ay toujours ignoré qu'il fut chirurgien, il ne m'a été declaré que comme Enseigne et d'Affaires du Regiment de Mr. Schuyler. Je le renverray neanmoins à vôtre Excellence après la Campagne ou plutost si nous terminons l'echange en Question.

J'ay l'honneur d'être avec le plus grand Respect
Monsieur, Votre tres humble et très
Obeissant Serviteur,
Vaudreuil.

P.S. C'est toujours, Monsieur, avec un nouveau Plaisir que je mets sous le couvert de vôtre Excellence les lettres à son adresse et autres qui m'ont été remises par Messieurs Schuyler & Martin.

M. G. Abercromby.

Endorsed Copy of Letter from Mr. Vaudreuil to M.G. Abercromby / Aug 27th 1758 / in M.G. Abercromby's of Sept 8 / 1758. / 2.

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Camp at Lake George Sepr 2d 1758 Midnight

Sir

This Moment I am Honor'd with Your Excellency's Letter of the 24th Ultimo, by Mr Wolf. However we may have misunderstood each others Letters, Your Excellency must feel, that the Power which authorised me to break the Capitulation, likewise orders me to do nothing contrary to it; Therefore I can by no Means accede to an Exchange of Prisoners, that would Exclude either those of the King my Master or those of Yours, taken Prior to the 9th of Augst 1757. Wherefore since Your Excellency does not chuse to accept the Exchange I proposed we must refer the Whole to the Decision of Our Respective Courts.

Your Excellency will now look upon the Powers I gave Coll Schuyler as void, and permit me to recommend the enclosed for him to Your Excellency, I have the Honor to be &ca.

The Marques de Vaudreuil.

Endorsed. Copy of Letter from M. Gl. Abercromby /to the M. de Vaudreuil. Sept 2d 1758. /in M. Gl. Abercromby's of Sep: 8. 1758. / 3.

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Return of His Majesty's Troops detatch'd from the
under the Command of

Corps	Commissioned				
	Lieut. Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns
Royal Regiment of Artillery	.	..	1	1	..
Regular Troops	..	.	1	5	.
Coll. Williams's Battalion		1	4	9	3
Coll. Dotys Battalion		1	3	5	1
Coll. DeLancey's Regiment	2	1	12	19	.
Coll. Johnson's Battalion	..	.	5	7	3
Coll. Babcock's Battalion	1	1	5	10	6
Company of Rangers	..	..	.	1	.
Total	3	4	31	57	13

N.B. ... Coll. Bradstreets' Command including Com.
Men and about 70 Indians makes upwards of

Endorsed Return / Of His Majesty's Troops detatched
Coll. John Bradstreet /Aug: 16th 1758./ in M. G. Aber

Oneida Station, 15th August 1758.
Lieut Coll. John Bradstreet.

Officers							Rank & File.
Staff					Noncommission'd		
Chaplains	Adjutants	Quartermasters	Surgeons	Surgeons Mates	Serjeants	Drummers	Fitt for Duty
.	.	.	1	.	2	.	22
.	1	.	1	.	4	4	135
..	1	.	"	1	17	2	396
..	.	.	.	.	13	2	217
..	"	.	1	3	54	4	997
..	..	..	..	1	22	2	367.
.	.	..	..	1	20	7	266
..	..	.	..	..	3	.	57
.	2	..	3	6	136.	21.	2457.

...missiond and Non Commissiond Officers, 30r Battean
Three Thousand Men.

John Stanwix.
Copy

/ from the Oneida Station under the Command of Lieut.
...cromlys of Sept.r 8, 1758. / 4.

Copy Oswego 30 Augt. 1758.

Dear Sir

In haste I can acquaint you with the glorious News of Our success in taking Cataroque, called by the French Frontenac. We landed Our Troops the 25th of August about six o'clock in the Afternoon, laid upon Our Arms all the night, landed our Artillery early the next morning, drew up our Canon within 400 yards of the Fort, and fired pretty smartly upon them with our Canon & Howets, but being at that distance could not do them much damage; Therefore The Field Officers thought proper after a Consultation not to spend more Ammunition 'till We made a nearer Approach, We were silent all that day, 'till night & advanced with Our Artillery, took possession of an Old Entrenchment of the French about 200 Paces of the Fort - began to fire Our Canon & Bombs very warmly upon them by Day Break, & the Enemy fired more smartly upon Us. In short, We did them so much damage that they were Obliged to Strike their Colours, & surrender at 7 o'clock the next Morning. They had about 120 Men in the Fort besides Women & Children; We took all their Shipping, seven of which We burnt, & Two We

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carried with Us, a 16 Gun Brigg, built at Oswego, & French Schooner. We took 100 Pieces of Canon & a great plenty of Stores; Fourteen of Ours were wounded, but none killed; Of the Enemy there were Seventeen killed & Wounded — Lieut. Brown of Ours, was bruized a little in the Breat with a small Grape shot; We reduced the Fort & Burnt all the Houses of it. All the Prisoners Were used very humanely; They were made all Prisoners of War. The Capitulation is, that they are to return Colo Schuyler for the Governour, & so many Prisoners of Ours for the Rest, & allowed to take all their Cloaths & Money with them, — It is intended to burn the two Vesselds we have here, when We take all the Goods on board. Our Batteaux are not come up yet. — I forgot to tell you they had but seven Indians in the Fort, who made their Escape. —

The Description of the Fort I have no time to give you, but wish you & the Rest of Our Friends great Joy, I am &ca

Archd. McAolay.

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from / Lieut. MacAulay to Capt. / Horatio Gates. / Aug 30. 1758. / in M. G. Abercrombys of / Sepr. 18. 1758. / 5.

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Copy. Oswego Aug. 31. 1758.

Sir

I Landed with the Troops within a Mile of Fort Frontenac without Opposition the 25th. The Garrison surrendered Prisoners of War the 27th between 7 & 8 in the morning. It was a square Fort of 100 yards the exterior side, and had in it 110 Men, some Women, Children, & Indians, Sixty Pieces of Canon (half of which was mounted) sixteen small Mortars with an immense quantity of Provisions and Goods to be sent to the Troops gone to Oppose B. G. Forbes, their western Garrisons, Indians, & to support the Army under the Command of Monsr. Levy on his intended Enterprize against the Mohawk River valued by the French at 800,000 Livres. We have likewise taken 9 Vessells from 8 to 18 Guns, which is all they have upon the Lake, two of which I have brought here, One richly Laden & with the Rest and Provisions I have burnt & destroyed with the Fort, Artillery, Stores &c. agreable to your Excellencys Instructions should I succeed. The Garrison made no scruple of saying, that their Troops to the Southward and Western Garrisons will suffer greatly if not entirely Starve, for want of the Provisions & Vessells We have destroyed,

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as they have not any left to bring them home from Niagara.

The Terms on which the Garrison surrender'd was, Prisoners of War untill ex=
=changed for equal Numbers and Rank, & was to have gone with me to Albany, except the Commandant, who from Age and Infirmities, with some Ladies, I allowed to go to Montreal to be exchanged for Col. Schuyler, or one of equal Rank with him should Schuyler be exchanged before but upon reflection I thought it best to send the whole Home to be exchanged as soon as possible to be sent to Fort William Henry.

(signed)

John Bradstreet.

His Excy General Abercrombie &c. &c.

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Endorsed Copy of a Letter from/Lieut. Col. Bradstreet to/General Abercrombie &c. /dated Oswego 31. Augt. 1758./ in M. G. Abercromby's of Sepr. /10: 1758.

New York. 25th November 1758.

Sir

On the 1st of this Month, late at Night, I had the Honor to receive the Duplicates of Your two Letters of the 18th September, and hoping that Major Gen. Amherst might still be at Boston, where he was some few Days before, in his Return to Halifax, I next Morning early wrote to him by Express, acquainting him that it was the King's Pleasure that I shou'd return to England, and that his Majesty had honour'd him with the Command of His Forces in North America; And that, in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, signified to Me by Your foregoing Letter, I shou'd prepare Copies of all the Instructions and Orders, that have been sent me since I have been in the Command, together with Copies of all other Papers, that may Relate to His Majesty's Service, and which may be any Way material to enable him (Major General Amherst) to execute the Command the King had been pleased to Honor him with.

Part of the Papers being at New York, I further acquainted Major Gen. Amherst, that, in Order to lose no Time so soon as his Majesty's Service at Albany, and the Back-country wou'd

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permit me to quit that Place, I shoud repair thither and wait his Arrival there, to give him what further Information shou'd occur either to him or me necessary for carrying into Execution the Orders he might receive.

The Uncertainty of the Express Meeting with Major General Amherst at Boston, and the Detriment that might arise to His Majesty's Service, if Business shou'd stand still untill His Arrival from Halifax, if he was set out, made me determine, to grant the Usual Beating Orders and Recruiting Instructions, to the several Regiments then in this Province, which was the more necessary, as the Places the most likely to get Men in are all of them very distant from Albany, and the Season then near at Hand in which the Communication wou'd be stopped, thro' the Hudson's River being shut up by the Ice.

The Subsistence of the Troops, for the December Muster being then due, I granted Warrants for the same on the Deputy Pay=master General; as likewise Warrants of Credit for the Recruiting Service in Proportion to the Deficiency of each Regiment; And as there were

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likewise several Contingencies outstanding, incurred during the Time of my Command for the Purchase of Sundry Stores &ca and the Pay of Carpenters & Batteau Men the latter of which were a heavy Expence to the Publick, and therefore cou'd not be too soon discharged, especially as they were then of no further Use, I also granted Warrants for those different Uses; by which Means Mr Amherst will be free from interfering in my Accounts, which I doubt not but will be very agreeable to him.

The Setling of these and several other Matters took me up till the 10th when I proposed to set out for New York, but the Weather having set in very severe, and the River frose over, I was detained till the 15th and did not arrive here till five Days after.

Before I left Albany I received a Letter from Govr Pownall, to whose Care I had directed mine to Mr Amherst acquainting me, that he had set out for Halifax on the 30th of October, and that he, the Governor, had forwarded my Letter by Sea; from whence I am in daily Expectations of seeing Mr Amherst, and therefore I shou'd have Postponed my present Dispatches untill His Arrival, but several of

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the Merchants of this City having represented to me the great Detriment it wou'd be to their Trade, if the Packet was any longer detained; I have, with the Advice of the Lieut. Governor, yielded to their Sollicitations and agreed to Dispatch one immediately, especially as I do not foresee any Inconvenience cou'd arrise from it, since there is another here ready for Mr. Amherst, when he comes.

And as I doubt not, but it will be agreable to His Majesty to know what has occurred in these Parts since my last Letters of the 8th & 10th September (Duplicates of which go by this Conveyance) I shall beg leave to lay the same before You in a seperate Letter, which shall accompany this; Wherefore I shall only and, that Pursuant to his Majesty's Commands, I have, in the Publick Orders, expressed to the Officers & Soldiers His perfect Satisfaction at their Behaviour in Our unfortunate Attempt upon Tienderoga. —

I cannot conclude this Letter without expressing the high Sense I have of Your good Wishes in my Behalf, and of returning You my most sincere Thanks for the Assurances You give me, that His Majesty has a just Sense of my

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Zeal for His Service, which I beg leave to say, shall never suffer any Diminution.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient & most humble Servant

James Abercromby.

The Right Hon: William Pitt, Esq:

Endorsed New York. Nov.r 25th 1758. / Maj.r Gen.l Abercromby. / R. Jan.ry 19th

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Seperate New York. Novemr. 25th 1758.

Sir,

Upon Captain Abercrombie's Arrival at Boston, whither, as I mentioned in my Letter of the 8th September, I had sent him, to endeavour, if Major General Amherst was not already landed there with the Troops, to bring them round by Sea to New York, he met with Lieut. Colo. Robertson and Part of those Troops, as also a Letter from Major General Amherst to me of the 3d Septr. from Sea, a Copy of which I enclose, by which you will see that he sailed from Louisbourg the 30th of August, with Five Battalions, vizt. the Royal, Forbes, Lascelles, Webb, & Fraser, but no Artillery People nor Engineers, owing as I have understood since to his not having received either my Letter or Duplicate.

Mr. Amherst, and the greater Part of the Troops with him, being still at Sea, my Aid-de-Camp obtained from Governor Pownall the Province Sloop, with which agreable to his Orders, he went in Quest of him, and met him upon the Coast, but it being then too late to pursue the Route I had prescribed, Mr. Amherst proceeded to Boston, where, upon

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the 13th he disembarked the Troops, and after two Days Refreshment, he set out with them on his Way to Albany, which they reached the 3d of October.

The repeated Intelligence obtained, during the March of these Troops, both from Prisoners and Deserters, as well as from Reconnoitring Parties, which I had constantly sent out from the Time of our Return till then, being of such a Nature as to convince me, that our second Attempt upon Ticonderoga, from the encrease of its Works and their Strength, wou'd be attended with greater Labour and Difficulties than our former Enterprize, and cou'd not possibly be undertaken, but by a Regular Siege, for which not only Artillery Officers and Men, as well as Engineers, wou'd be requisite, but Likewise a much longer Time than the then present Season seemed to promise us, I thought I cou'd not too soon hasten up Mr Amherst to consult with him on the Adviseableness and Practicability of such an Attempt under those Circumstances. Accordingly I sent him an Express, desiring he wou'd leave the Command of the Troops to the Eldest Officer, and join me himself so soon

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as possibly he cou'd, which he did, at the Lake on the 5th where having laid before him, and Brigr Gen. Gage, the several Matters before mentioned, they were unanimously of Opinion, that the intended attempt, under our and the Enemies then Cir=cumstances, was by no Means adviseable.

This Resolution making it needless to move up the Troops that had come with Mr Amherst, who were encamped at Green-bush near Albany, I order'd them to remain in their Encampment till the proper Time for their going into Winter Quarters, and Mr Amherst, thinking his Presence necessary to the Eastward, he took his Leave of me on the 7th in his Return thither.

Soon after Mr Amherst quitted the Lake, I had Intelligence from Brigr Gen. Stanwix and Sir William Johnson, that a Body of the Enemy intended an Attack upon Fort Stanwix, the strong Post, wch I mentioned heretofore was building at the Oneida Station; upon which I immediately order'd Colonel Fraser with the Battalion of Highlanders under his Command, forthwith to repair thither; the frequent Alarms we have had from those Quarters, since I have been on

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the Continent, and most all of them having turned out merely such, or at most a scalping Party, made it needless to order any stronger Reinforcement at that Time, particularly as from the Numbers Mr Stanwix had already with him, and from the Defencibleness of his Post; which Lieut. Colo. Bradstreet reported to me to be à l'Abri d'Insulte, against every thing but Artillery, (which it was not probable the Enemy cou'd bring against it at that Time,) that Reinforcement was certainly very sufficient to repell any Insult the Enemy were able to offer on that Side.

However upon further Information from Sr Wm Johnson, the next Day, that the Enemy really did mean some Stroke against that Post and the Settlements on the Mohawk River, I directly dispatched an Express to Colo. Burton, directing him to detatch the 2d Batt. of the Royal, and to order them to march Night and Day, till they joined Mr Stanwix; and I further directed him to hold the other three Battalions in Readiness to march at a Moment's Warning, in Order, if, from the Intelligence he shou'd receive, it was necessary, he might likewise, without waiting for further Directions, immediately cause them to follow Fraser's & the Royal.

The Orders were scarce dispatched, ere

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I received a Letter from Sr Willm Johnson, telling me that this Alarm had proved a false one; and twelve Hours thereafter, I received another from Colo. Burton, acquainting me that from the Intelligence he had just then received from Sir Wm Johnson, he had thought it proper, (altho' he himself could not give Credit to that Intelligence) to march directly to Schenectady, and so on, if required, with the three Grenadier Companies, & Light Infantry that were at Greenbush: Colo Burton's Letter bears Date the 11th October.

The Day following being then on his March, he received another Letter from Sir William Johnson, containing certain Intelligence that this whole Alarm had been occasioned by only a small Scalping Party of 30 French Indians, who had fired upon three Oneida Sachems, and had killed one of them, after which they had returned home; Upon this Letter, which Colo. Burton forwarded to me, and which I enclose for your Perusal, he returned to Greenbush, with the three Companies of Grenadiers & Light Infantry of the three Battalions encamped there.

The Season for any further Operations during this Campaign being thus Over, I made a

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Disposition of the Quarters to be occupied by the Troops during the Winter, and by a Circular Letter to the different Governors of the respective Provinces, where they were to be garrisoned & cantoned, I gave them timely Notice to prepare for their Reception against the 10th or 15th of this Month, when it was most likely Nothing cou'd be feared from the Enemy.

But long before that Time the Weather set in so wet, and the Roads became so bad, that it was not prudent, to defer any longer sending away our heavy Artillery, Ammunition, Stores & Batteaus, which we began to move by the 17th; and lucky it was we did, for what with the Depth of the Roads, and the Want of Cattle, which were very weak and poor by having been constantly worked during the Summer I was obliged notwithstanding my having begun to move them so soon, to leave several of the worst Batteaus, as well as some Naval Stores behind, the first of which were scuttled and sunk in the Lake, and the others buried in our Encampment. I likewise caused the Halifax Sloop to be dismasted & sunk and had some of the WhaleBoats hid in the Woods, in Order that they may be at Hand for any

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scouting Parties that may be order'd down the Lake, whenever it becomes practicable again; and they are all so well sunk, buried and hid, that I do not imagine the Enemy will be able to discover them.

By a Deserter, who came in the 24th and had left Ticonderoga three Days before, I learned, that Mon.r Montcalm, being informed of our Motions, which it seems they only waited to know in order to move down their Troops into Winter Quarters, which had been settled for some Days, had immediately sent away Mons.r Rigaud de Vaudreuil, with Directions to prepare every Thing for their Reception, and had actually embarked his own Baggage with a Design to follow him very shortly.

This, together with a heavy Fall of Snow, and a Number of the Troops being attacked with the Scurvy, which began to spread, and had obliged me before that to send several into sick Quarters, determined me to quit the Lake likewise, with the Remainder, beginning by some of the Provincials, who eager to return the first, readily agreed to draw some of the Batteaus off with them, which otherwise for the above Reasons must likewise have been left behind.

On the 26th I myself with the Van of the

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Army, quitted the Lake and proceeded to Fort Edward, leaving Brig^r Gen. Gage to bring up the Rear which he did two Days thereafter, after having seen every Thing brought of that cou'd be carried away.

After having given the necessary Directions to Col. Prevost, who, with his Battalion, as by the enclosed List of Quarters, were to garrison Fort Edward this Winter, I set out from thence and continued my March to Albany, where I arrived the 21th

That same Day, I had deliver'd to me, a Letter from Brig^r Gen. Stanwix of the 22^d October, mentioning that if they heard Nothing certain of any strong Armament with Artillery between that and the Beginning of November, they might give up all Expectations of any considerable Visit for the then approaching Winter, which wou'd enable them to carry their Fort all round en barbet, cover their Casemates for 400 Men, and compleat their Ditch and Glassis; and that he was hopeful, he shou'd be able to leave Six Months Provisions there for that Number.

On the 30th he wrote to me again, saying, we are getting forward with our Fort, but the bad Weather is a great Hindrance, yet I wont dispair of

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leaving it in a respectable Condition.

And on the 3d of November following after giving me a Detail of the Disposition he had made of the Troops with him, agreable to the List of Quarters I had transmitted to him, he adds, "I hope to dismiss every Sort of Troops from this Station, the Garrison & Rangers excepted by the 15th if not sooner, because if we are happy enough to get 8 Days fair Weather, I shall have the Casemates all cover'd both Bomb & Water proof, for between four & five Hundred Men, and the Rangers will be Hutted without; and concludes with, in the said 8 fine Days, our whole Fort will be compleatly en barb't, at which Crisis, I propose to leave this to receive Your further Commands at Albany," Whither he did arrive the Day before my Departure, and proposes to continue in the Command I had allotted him, untill Major Gen. Amherst informs him of his future Destination. –

I have already in a former Letter mentioned the great Advantage, that must necessarily result to his Majesty's Indian Interest, as well as the Security of this Frontier from having a Post at the Oneida Station, wherefore it is needless for me to add any Thing further,

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than that I hope the King will approve of my having caused the same to be built.

As soon as I received from Lieut. Colo. Bradstreet the Confirmation of the Reduction of Fort Frontenac, I thought it my Duty to give You the earliest Notice Possible of that important Event, and accordingly, in my Letter of the 10th of September, transmitted You a Copy of Lieut. Colo. Bradstreet's to me on that Subject, with a Promise that I shou'd send You the further Particulars by the then next Opportunity, which I had flatter'd myself wou'd have been long ere this, since so early as the Latter End of August, upon a Letter I had from Brigr. Genl. Stanwix, that Lieut. Colo. Bradstreet was to have embarked the 20th of said Month, I wrote to him in Answer, that as I shou'd have Occasion for Mr. Bradstreet's Services at the Lake, I desired he wou'd inform him thereof upon his Return, that no Time might be lost in his joining me, and lest this Letter might have escaped Brigr. Gen. Stanwix, I repeated the same to Colo. Bradstreet in a Letter of the 7th September, which I put under the Brigadier's Cover; from whence I expected to see Colonel Bradstreet himself daily.

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Instead of which I some Time after received a Letter from Colonel Bradstreet of the 8th September, setting forth, that he was just returned, with the Troops under his Command to the Oneida Station, and that so soon as he had made an equal Distribution of the Effects brought from Fort Frontenac, he wou'd proceed to Albany where he shou'd be glad to have my Commands for his future Conduct.

And on the 16th I had two other Letters from him, the first from the Oneida Carrying-Place, dated the 9th apologizing for his not having sent me the Capitulation and List of Prisoners, owing, he said, to his not having had Time to get them copied, but that he shou'd get it done as soon as possible; The other bears Date at Albany the 13th, acquainting me with his Arrival there in pursuance of his of the 8th.

Surprised at neither of my Directions having reached Colo. Bradstreet, I did immediately, in my Letter of Congratulation upon his Success, & Thanks for his extraordinary Zeal & Activity in that Affair, repeat them to him again, adding that I shou'd hope to see him so soon as he possibly cou'd.

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On the 22d Octr Bradstreet not having come, nor yet having sent me the Capitulation, I again wrote to him, and desired, that immediately upon the Receipt of that Letter, he would set out & repair to the Lake, with all possible Dispatch, as no Time ought to be lost in sending a Flagg of Truce to the Governor of Canada, to summon the Execution of that Capitulation. Accordingly, Colo. Bradstreet did set out, & reached the Lake the 26th—

After having deliver'd to me the Capitulation, and the Lists of the Prisoners, which I enclose, together with Copies of the several Letters before recited, I asked him to give me a Report in writing of his Proceedings since the Time of His Embarking on Lake Ontario untill that of His Return to Albany, as also a particular State of the Damage he cou'd suppose to have done the Enemy in his Reduction of Fort Frontenac, and in what Manner he had disposed of the Things, that he had brought away with him from thence, in Order that I might transmit the Same to You, to be laid before His Majesty; And as I cou'd have no other View in this, than to do Justice to Colo. Bradstreet's Merit, who was most capable of valuing the Importance of his

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Success, & the Damage he had done the Enemy. I readily believed he wou'd be pleased at my Demand, but altho' I have mentioned it to him since, he has not yet complied with it.

All that I have been able to pick up, is, That he has burnt & destroyed the Fort and Vessells, as well as a vast Quantity of Provisions, and that after having knocked off the Truneons of the Guns of the Fort, he returned with a Quantity of Powder & a considerable Booty of Furrs, & sundry other Goods which were lodg-ed there to serve as Presents for the Indians, amounting, the Furrs & Goods alone, to at least 800,000 Livres, which I understand he has distributed among the Troops, that were with him in equal Proportions, without reserving any Share of it to himself, and that after having taken out of the two Vessels which he brought off with him the Guns & Powder, (which are left at Fort Stanwix) & landed all the Goods, he likewise set fire to & des-troyed them; by which Means the French have lost all the Vessels, they had on that Lake, five in Number, besides a very great Quantity of Naval Stores that were laid up in the Fort, ready to equip any others they might

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have Occasion for; but I do not find he met with any Boats there.

When Col. Bradstreet joined me, I had a scouting Party down the Lake, watching the Motions of the Enemy, and as the Laws of War forbid the sending any Flaggs of Truce, to any Place where You have Parties out, I was obliged to wait it's Return, before I cou'd summon Mr. Vaudreuil to fulfil the Terms of the Capitulation, which delaid it till the 1st October, when I sent Copies of the Capitulation and the Lists of Prisoners, telling him at the same Time, that as it was upwards of a Month since the Reduction of Fort Frontenac, I had flatter'd myself, that agreeable to Mr. Noyan's, (the French Commandant) Engagement, & in consideration of the good Usage the King his Master's Subjects had met with from Col. Bradstreet and the Troops under his Command, Col. Schuyler, with so many of His Majestys Subjects then Prisoners of War in Canada, as wou'd equal the Number and rank of those permitted by the Capitulation to return to Montreal, wou'd agreeable thereto have been, long e'er that, sent me back which not being the Case, I must now insist on their being returned

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without Delay, to prevent which, I further empower'd Col. Schuyler to make the Exchange, and for that Purpose, likewise sent him Duplicates of the Papers I had enclosed to Mr. Vaudreuil.

In my Letter to Colo. Schuyler, I added that his Majesty had been pleased to order me to comply with his Memorial in Relation to the Monies he had advanced to sundry of his Fellow Captives, whilst detained in Canada, which shall be punctually obeyed agreable to Your Letter of the 10th June.

No Answer having come to the Letter I had sent Mr. Vaudreuil, till the 26th. October, some Hours after I had quitted the Lake, I must confess I attributed his Silence to the two Reasons set forth in his Letter of the 19th. vizt. his writing that I should first fulfil the Capitulation of Fort William Henry, or until he had received the King his Master's Orders relative thereto; And I was therefore the more pleased, when by the Sequel of that Letter, I found that notwithstanding those Reasons, he was inclined to wave the same, and to release Colt. Schuyler and the other Prisoners I had claimed, by Virtue of the Capitulation of Frontenac.

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The Governor of Canada's Letter giving me Room to hope, that I shou'd not tarry to see Col. Schuyler, with the Rest of His Majesty's Subjects that shou'd be released by this Exchange, I deferr'd writing to Mons. Vaudreuil, till their Arrival.

On the 12th November, I received a Letter from Colonel Prevost, acquainting me that on the preceeding Day, Col. Schuyler and a Number of other Prisoners from Canada, had been conducted to Fort Edward by a Flagg of Truce, who was charged with a Packet from me, containing another Letter from Mons. Vaudreuil of the 1st. setting forth that agreable to his foregoing, he had, so soon as possibly he cou'd, fulfilled the Capitulation of Frontenac; transmitting at the same Time a List of the Prisoners he had released, in Consequence thereof; as also a List of some Prisoners, taken near the Ohio, on the 14th September last, who, he says, are very pressing with him to be exchanged, or released on their Parole; upon which occasion he renews his Proposal of the Exchange I mentioned in my Letter of the 8th September, having declin'd.

Ignorant of His Majesty's Pleasure on

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that Head, and not doubting but Major General Amherst will receive Orders relative thereto, I have thought proper not to take any Notice of Mr. Vaudreuil's Letter, till his arrival, when I shall lay the whole before him, to do therein as he sees best for His Majesty's Service and Interest. —

As Coll. Schuyler and the Prisoners mentioned in the first List, were not come down to Albany when I set out, nor that the Colonel has not wrote to me, I cannot tell You whether they answer, in Rank or Numbers, those they were exchanged against; I see there are among them several of the Inhabitants of the Mohawk River, who, I doubt not, will immediately upon their Arrival at Albany, have gone to their Homes. —

For Your further Information, You will receive herewith Copies of the before mentioned Letters & Lists, as also a Sketch of Fort Stanwix.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Regard and Esteem, Sir

Your most obedient & most
Humble Servant
James Abercromby.

The Right Honble. William Pitt Esqr.

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Schedule of Papers enclosed, and referred to, in Major General Abercromby's Letter to the Right Honble William Pitt Esqr. Dated, New York, November 1758.

1. . . A Letter from Major Gen. Amherst to M. G. Abercromby . . . . . Sep: 2d. 1758.
2. . . Do . . . from Sr. Wm Johnson to Cole. Burton . . . . Oct: 12th.
3. . . List of Winter Quarters . . . . 1758.
4. . . A Letter from M. G. Abercromby to Lt. Coll. Bradstreet . . . . . Sep: 7th.
5. . . . Do . . from Coll. Bradstreet to M. G. Abercromby . . Sep: 8th.
6. . . Do . . . . . Do . . . . . Do . . . Sep: 9th.
7. . . Do . . . . . Do . . . . . Do . . . Sep: 13th.
8. . . Do . . from M. G. Abercromby to Coll. Bradstreet . Sep: 16th.
9. . . Do . . . . . Do . . . . . Do . . . Sep: 22d.
10. . . Do . . . . . Do . . . to Mr. Vaudreuil . Oct: 1st.
11. . . Do . . . . . Do . . . to Coll. Schuyler . Octr. 1st.
12. . . La Capitulation du Fort Frontenac (enclosed in foregoing) . . . . . . Aug: 27th.
13. . . Rolle de la Garrison du Frontenac (enclosed in Do.) . . . . . . Aug: 27th.
14. . . Rolle des employés dans Frontenac (enclosed in Do.) . . . . . . Aug: 27th.
15. . . A Letter from Mr. Vaudreuil to M. G. Abercromby . . . . . . Oct: 19th.

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16. . . D° . . . D° . . . D° . . . Nov.r 1st

17. . . List of English Prisoners deliver'd to Col.e Schuyler in Exchange for those taken at Frontenac (enclosed in the foregoing Letter)

18. . . List of Officers taken near the Ohio on the 14th Septem.r 1758 (enclosed in D°).

19. . . Sketch of Fort Stanwix

Endorsed. Schedule of Papers enclosed in M. G. Abercromby's Letter to M.r Secretary Pitt, dated, New York November 1758. —

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On Board His Majesty's Ship Captain at Sea, Septr 3d 1758.

Sir

I sailed from Louisbourg the 30th of August with 5 Battalions, the Royal, Forbes, Lascelles, Webb, and Fraser. The Battalions intended for the River St Lawrence, sailed out of the Harbour of Louisbourg the Day before I did, and must have had a fair Wind, as we have had it very contrary. The Battalions intended for the Bay of Fundy sail'd the same Day with us, and must now be near Halifax, where Coll. Monckton is to join them, & take on him the Command of the Expedition up St John's River, and I have order'd Brigadier Lawrence's Battalion of the Royal American Regiment to remain in Halifax, that all the Detatchments from other Regiments may join their respective Corps.

When I last wrote to You I was not certain whether I shou'd take five or Six Battalions to Boston, as there has been continually a Demand for more Men at Halifax, I thought it right to send a Battalion there.

I now send Major Robertson forward to Boston as he may outsail the Fleet of Transports by going in the Syloe to enquire for any Letters You may have sent for me, that I may not

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lose a Moment's Time, in disembarking the Troops, and expediting their March according to any Orders You may have sent, and which I hope will be arrived at Boston before this Time.

I am with great Truth

Sir,

Your most humble and most

obedient Servant

Jeff. Amherst.

Copy.

I have not brought any Artillery with me, the five Battalions have their Camp Necessaries and fifty Rounds p.r Man.

His Ex.cy Gen. Abercromby.

Endorsed Copy / of Letter from M. G. Amherst to / M. G. Abercromby. / Sep. 3d. 1758. / in M. G. Abercromby's (separate) / of Nov.r 25. 1758. / 1.

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Fort Johnson 12th October 1758.
Past 4. o'Clock. P.M. —

The Information of Zacharias, a Mohawk Chief, who was sent by Sir William Johnson thro' the 5. Nations in Order to call their Warriours down to join His Majesty's Troops at Lake George.

That two Days ago, in his Return, he came to the Oneida Castle, where, in a Meeting with the Chiefs of that Nation he was told that the Body of French and Indians, who, not long ago, were assembled near the Fish Creek on Lake Ontario, were returned to Canada, the French Commanding Officer telling the Indians, that he plainly saw he cou'd not execute his Design against the Oneida Carrying Place &ca at present, the Season being too far advanced. This Account was given by some of the 5. Nations, who went on a Deputation to the French at that Place; who further say, that the French were actually prepared to make an Attempt this Way, but after the Arrival of a Canoe from Niagara, all preparations were stopped, and the Army decamped; the Reason of which was (as the 5. Nations imagine) because the French cou'd not get the Indians they expected from the

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Westward to join them & who were to have come to Niag-
-ara for that Purpose.

That the late Alarm was occasioned by a scalping Party of about 30 French Indians, who fired upon three Oneida Sachems, that were in the Wood near the carrying Place getting some Bark to make a Hut, one of which, named Tienderunta, was killed, one taken, who after many warm Words had passed, was released, the Third made his escape.

That the Oneida Indians were all of Opinion that the Scalping Party was returned to Canada again. —

A true Copy from the Original Minutes.
Peter Wraxall Secr.y of Ind. Af.s

Copy

Fort Johnson 12th Oct: 1758
5 o'Clock P. M.

Sir,

I have Your Favour of this Day, by which I find mine of last Night was misdated, it should have been the 12th Inst. —

Herewith you have a Piece of Intelligence from a Mohawk Chief who is just now Returned from a Message I sent by him thro' the 5 Nations. As I think I can depend upon him in punctually relating what he heard

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from the Oneida Indians, so if it was but a Scalping Party of the Enemy, I concur with them in Opinion they are gone off. But this will probably be more fully confirmed by some Express from Brigr. Stanwix, and which may, I think be every Minute expected.

Shou'd you think it unnecessary for the Militia to proceed, please to mention it to Colo. Ellon, that he may discharge them, and let me know Your Opinion hereon by the Bearer, that I may in such Case discharge those on this way & also the Indians.

You will please to transmit to General Abercromby a Copy of the enclosed Intelligence.

This Mohawk Indian tells me the Oneida Sachems are coming down hither, which I am convinced they wou'd not do if any Body of the Enemy was near their Settlement.

If you continue your March I shall be extreamly glad of the Pleasure of seeing You here, and am with great Esteem,

Sir, Your most obedient
humble servant
Wm. Johnson.
Copy.

To Colo. Burton, or the Commanding
Officer of His Majesty's Troops on their March &ca.

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List of Quarters.

		No
Fort Edward	4th Batt. of Royal Americans	1000
	Six Companies of Rangers	600
	Total	1600.

Albany and its Dependencies including the Posts of the Half Moon, Still Water, Saratoga & Fort Miller.

Royal	1000.
55th	700.
1st Batt. Royal Amer: 6 Companies	600.
Royal Artillery Detachment	150.
1 New York Indt. Company	100.
Hospitall supposed	300.
Total	2850.

Schenectady, the Posts on the Mohawk River & Oneida Carrying Place.

46th	700.
63d	1300.
3 New York Indt. Companies	300.
1 Ranging Company	100.
Total	2400

Of which at	Oneida Fort	500
	Herkermers	150
	Connajohary	70
	Fort Hunter & St. Williams	100
	Schohary & Stony Arabia	500.
		1320.

Total Remaining at Schenectady . . . 1080.

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Philadelphia	17th			700.
West Jersey	24th	Burlington	350.	
		Trentown	350.	700.
East Jersey	44th	Amboy	400	
		Brunswick	300	
		Elizabeth Town	300	1000
New York	42d			1300.
Long Island	44th	Jamaica	200	
		Flatt Bush	100	
		Ferry	200	
		New Town	200	
		Hampsteed	100	
		Flushing	100	1000
Connecticut	46th	Stanford		
		Norwalk		
		Milford		
		Fairfield		
		Stratford		1000.
Esopus		Light Infantry		350

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Fort Newport, Sep. 8th 1758.

Sir

I beg leave to inform Your Excellency I am just returned with the Troops under my Command to this Place and that as fast as possible I shall make as equal a Distribution of the Effects we brought here from Fort Frontenac among the Troops as possible & deliver my Command up to Brigr. Gen. Stanwix & proceed to Albany with the Battoemen shou'd General Stanwix allow me, where I shou'd be glad to have Your Excellency's Commands for my further Conduct.

In my Letter from Oswego I thought it not safe nor proper to inform Your Excellency I found the five Nations in General had promised the French to join Mr. Longville with 2000 Men against the Mohawk River and to meet him at Oswego about the 25th Instant, that there was about 500 Utawawas at Montreal for this Purpose, that they were first to meet at Fort Frontenac, there to be joined by some Missesagas, and to take their Provisions, Artillery, and Stores, for the Enterprize, and that it appears to me the Whole of the five Nations are so much in the French Interest, that nothing but immediately taking vigorous Measures with them will avoid

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the Evil Consequence of having their Principal Force against us in a short Time, tho' not openly.

This Account with my Opinion I should not have ventured to have given Your Excellency, were it not I am well inform'd in this Affair and esteem it of Consequence to the British Nation, the Troops posted here, and the Inhabitants upon the Mohawk River. I have the Honor to be with great Respect,

Your Excellency's
most obedient
humble Servant
Jno Bradstreet.

Copy.

His Ex^cy Gen. Abercromby &c. &c. —

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Albany Sept. 13th 1758.

Sir

As great Numbers of Indian Men, Women, and Children, from all Quarters of the five Nations were flocking to the Oneida Carrying Place to see me in Order to get Part of the French Plunder, it laid me under the Necessity of Leaving it sooner than I expected, and without the Battoe Men to avoid giving them Offence by not giving them Part of what their ill Behaviour did not en=title them to, and to the end there might be a fair Partition among the Troops, I have ap=pointed Commissioners from every Corps to do it.

I shall be glad to have Your Excellency's Commands as to myself and the Battoe Men, when they get down to Schenectady which will be some Days first, as they are little less fatigued than the Rest of the Troops, one Third of the Whole being sick at least.

I am with great Respect
Your Excellency's
most obedient
humble Servant
Jno. Bradstreet
Copy

His Ex. y Gen. Abercromby &ca. &ca. &ca.

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Camp at Lake George Sept. 16th 1758.

Sir

So soon as I learned that You were embarked for Frontenac, I wrote to Brigr. Gen. Stanwix, desiring him that immediately upon Your Return, he wou'd inform You, that I shou'd be glad of Your Company at the Lake with Your Batteau Men; And some Days thereafter, I wrote the same to You under Cover of the Brigr.; Wherefore, Altho. Your Letter of the 31st Ultimo does not intimate Your having received the First Notice, yet I imagined You wou'd soon thereafter have my Letter, and of Course render my answering You needless; However, I desired Brigr. Stanwix, if, contrary to my Conjectures, You shou'd still be with him, to congratulate You, (on my Part) most sincerely, on the Honor You have gained in the Reduction of Cadaraqui, and to thank You in my Name for the Extraordinary Zeal and Activity with which You have exerted Yourself on that Occasion, but which I most heartily Repeat; And as I hope to have the Pleasure of seeing You here as soon as possibly You can, after the Receipt of this, I shall defer my Answer to Your four

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Letters of the 31st Augst 8th 9th & 13th Sep: till then. What Batteau Men are able to proceed hither You will bring with You, and leave Orders for those that are Sick to follow as soon as they recover.

I am &c.

Lieut. Colo Bradstreet

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Camp at Lake George Oct: 1st 1758.

Sir,

As it is now upwards of a Month since the Reduction of Fort Frontenac, by a Detatch=
=ment of the King My Master's Troops under the Command of Colonel Bradstreet, I had flatter'd myself, that agreable to the Capitulation granted that Garrison, and Mor Noyan's Engagement, Colo Schuyler wou'd have been sent here in his Stead e'er now, accompanied with such of His Majesty's Subjects, now Prisoners in Canada, as wou'd equal the Number and Rank of those permitted, by that Capitulation, to return to Montreal; The good treatment and Civil Usage Yours met with from Colo Bradstreet, and the Troops under his Command, tho' composed in Part of sundry Indians, made me the more sanguine in my Expectations, and I must own I cannot account for this Delay in the Execution of that Convention, unless it be, that Your Excellency is not acquainted with it; To remove which I have the Honor to enclose You Copies of the Capitulation & the Lists of the Names and Ranks of the Persons that became Prisoners of War by Virtue thereof: by which Lists Your Excellency will

see, that besides Mr. Noyan, they consist in four Officers, two Serjeants, three Corporals, and 41 Private of the Troops, exclusive of the two that Died; 851 Commissaries, Clerks, Artificers, Labourers, Batteau Men, & Inhabitants, exclusive of ten Women & 13 Children, in all 125, which Number of the King my Masters Subjects, in they be now in Your Custody, and of equal Rank with those above, I shall, pursuant to the foregoing Capitulation, expect to see here without Delay, to prevent which, I must beg leave of Your Excellency, to accompany this with a Letter to Col. Schuyler covering Duplicates of the above Copies, with a Power of settling that Ex=change agreable to the Terms stipulated between Col. Bradstreet and Mons. Noyan, which I make no Doubt of Your Excellency's complying with.

I have the Honor to be &ca.

The Marquis de Vaudreuil.

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Camp at Lake George Oct: 1st. 1758.

Sir

Having honour'd Your Friend Col. Bradstreet with the Command of a Detatchment of His Majesty's Troops to attempt the Reduction of Fort Frontenac, & he having proved successful in that Undertaking, I have once more the Satisfaction of seeing Your Captivity draw to it's End. Indeed, from the good Treatment & civil Usage the French Garrison have met with from Col. Bradstreet, and the Detatchment under his Command, altho' Composed in Part of sundry Indians (which is an evident Proof that these last can be restrained) I had expected that You wou'd have been sent back to me e'er now, with an equal Number of Your Fellow Subjects of the same Rank with those taken at Frontenac. Cou'd I have suspected the Contrary, You may be assured I shou'd have sooner applied to His Excellency The Marquis de Vaudreuil to see the Capitulation enclosed put into Execution; I write to him upon that Subject to the same Purpose, by this Conveyance, desiring he wou'd see the same fulfilled without any Delay, adding Like Lists with those You will receive herewith of the

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Names and Ranks of those that were permitted to return to Montreal, telling him at the same Time, that I shou'd empower You to settle with him the Exchange as Stipulated between Colo Bradstreet and Mr. Cogan, which I do by these Presents, and You will accordingly set about obtaining Your Releasement and that of Your other Fellow Prisoners as above; But if any unforeseen Demur shou'd happen, You may desire the Marquis de Vaudreuil to exchange You and make You the Bearer of His Reasons that might occasion the Same; Altho there are none that I can foresee, yet I add this Clause that Nothing shou'd detain you any longer in a Captivity so detrimental to your Private Concerns and I flatter myself that Mr. de Vaudreuil by his Punctual Compliance with this just and equitable Requisition, will give me Room to rejoice that I have had it in my Power to convince him that my Professions of Humanity and Christianity are sincere, and that so long as I am not forced to the Contrary, by a different Usage to the King's Subjects whom the Fate of War may cause to fall in his Hands, I shall ever strictly follow and observe them, and that he may not plead Ignorance thereof, I Leave this Open for

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his Perusal.

By my last Letters from England, I am empower'd to comply with Your Memorial, which I shall gladly do, in what Manner You shall judge proper. —

I am &ca.

Colˡ Peter Schuyler.

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Conditions auxquelles Mons.r de Noyant, Chevalier de l'Ordre Royal et Militaire de S.t Loüis, Lieutenant pour le Roy de la Ville des Trois Rivieres, Commandant pour le Roy au Fort de Frontenac propose de le rendre à Sa Majesté Britannique.

1.° . . . Le dit Sieur de Noyant promet de rendre le Fort de Frontenac au Colonel Bradstreet, Commandant des Troupes d'Angleterre généralement avec toutes ses Dépendances.

2.° . . . . . Que les Officiers et Soldats de la Garnison, et autres Hommes qui se trouvent actuëllement ce Poste, resteront Prisonniers de Guerre, jusqu'à ce que il y est accordé entre Mons.r Le Marquis de Vaudreuil et Mons.r le General Anglais pour en faire l'Echange.

3.° . . . . . Que les Malades et Blessés seront soignés aux Frais du Roy de la Grande Bretagne.

4.° . . . Qu'il garantira de toute Insulte de la Part des Soldats Anglois et Sauvages, les Officiers, Soldats et autres Espèce de Personne telles qu'elles soient qui se trouvent actuellement dans ce Fort.

5.° . . . Mons.r le Colonel permettra que les Ornemens et les Vases sacrés de la Chapelle soient emportés dans l'Equipage de l'Aumonier, et promet le

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Sieur de Noyan faire remettre fidellement toutes les Munitions de Guerre et de Bouche, Ustincilles qui se trouvent actuellement dans les Magazins du dit Fort.

6. . . . . . Le dit Sieur de Noyant demandes qu'il soit fourni à Lui, à ses Soldats et au Reste des Personnes qui sont avec luy dans le Fort des Voitures pour transporter leur Baggage, et leur donner les Commodités pour le Voyages.

À Frontenac le 27e. Aoust 1758.

Le Colonel Bradstreet vû les Infirmites de Monsr. des Noyant, Commandant dans le Fort luy a accordes de retourner a Montreal et de prendres quatre Hommes, ainsi qu'à Madame du Vivier Madames Barollon avec quatres hommes, ainsi qu'à d'autres Femmes de ce Fort sans Hommes.

Noyan Jno. Bradstreet.

Monsr. de Noyan c'est engages de pro=curer pour luy l'Echange du Colonel Schuyler ou d'un autre s'il ce trouvent que le Colonel Schuyler le soit deja.

Apres la Capitulation faites le Colonel Bradstreet a permy à tous les François qui etoient dans le Fort Frontenac departir pour Montreal en Canada

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sur la Promesse que Mr. de Noyan a faite de faire parail Nombre de Person et Calité les plutost que faire ce pourât et de les faire randre au Fort Georges.

Au Fort Frontenac le 27e. Aoust 1758.

Jno. Bradstreet Noyan.

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À Montreal le 19e. 8bre. 1758.—

Monsieur,

J'ay reçû la Lettre que Votre Excellence m'a fait L'honneur de m'écrire le 1er. de ce Mois. J'aurois eu celuy d'y repondre plutost si je n'avois voulu procurer au Colonel Schuyler qui est à Quebec le Plaisir de reçevoir la Lettre que vous m'aves addressée pour luy. Celle qu'il m'a écrit me parviens dans ce Moment.

J'ay été, Monsieur, exactement informé de la Capitulation accordée par le Colonel Bradstreet à Mor. de Noyan, et à la Garnison de Frontenac. J'ay été pénétré de son Procedé Généreux, et je suis trés convaincu que ce Colonel à été particu-lierement touché de la Cruauté du petit Nombre de Sauvages qu'il avoit avec luy, qui trancherent la Tête à un François blessé et luy leverent en même Tems la Chevelure. Je n'attribüe ce procedé qu'à la Ferocité des Sauvages, qu'il est impossible de contenir dans ces Occasions.—

Vous auriés pû, Monsieur, donner deux Interpretations à Mon Silence.

La 1re. Que je m'attendois que Votre Excellence auroit prealablement executé la Capitu-lation du Fort George pour m'engager à executer celle de Frontenac.

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La 2e. Que vous auriés pû du moins présumer que je defererois l'Execution de cette Capitulation jusques à ce que le Roy Mon Maître m'eût donnés ses Ordres à cet Egard, puisque Votre Excellence n'a pas crû devoir en user autrement du celle du Fort George.

Mais, Monsieur, bien loin de faire usage du Droit de Represaille, qui m'est legitimement acquis.— Je laisse à la Cour de France à le faire valoir vis-à-vis celle de la Grande Bretagne. Je me suis donc fait un Principe d'executer la Capitulation de Frontenac dans tout son entier, trouvant un vraye Satisfaction à donner des nouvelles Preuves à Votre Excellence qu'il ne tiendra jamais à moy que nous ne nous fassions la Guerre toujours avec les Sentiments d'humanité et de Generosité que nous devons mutuellement exercer envers les Sujets des Roys nos Maîtres que les Evenemens de la Guerre conduisent en nos Mains.—

Je suis charmé, Monsieur, que vous ayés authorise le Colonel Schuyler à traiter avec moy de l'Echange des Prisonniers en Question. Je luy ay écrit, qu'il pouvoit pour cet Effet se rendre en cette Ville; Il sera présent luy même à Quebec lorsqu'on commencera à établir le Rolle des Prison=

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-niers qui y sont et lorsque j'auray le Plaisir de le voir je termineray toutes chose avec luy et accelaireray autant que je pouray son De-part et celuy des Prisonniers servant d'échange aux Notres.

Cette Lettre n'a donc maintenant pour Objet que de renouveller à Votre Excellence les Sentimens respectueux avec lequel j'ay l'honneur d'etre,

Monsr.

Votre très humble et tres

Obeissant Serviteur

Vaudreuil.

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À Montreal le 1er. Novembre 1758_

Monsieur,

Je remplis le plutot qu'il m'a été possi=ble la Capitulation du Fort Frontenac conformement à la Lettre que j'ay eu l'honneur de vous écrire le 19e. du Mois dernier._

En Conséquence des Pouvoirs que votre Excellence a Donné à Mor. Schuyler, Je luy ay remis avec son Echange Personnel pour Mor. de Noyan, la Quantité de Prisonniers equivalente au Nombre de ceux faits à Frontenac. J'en joins icy l'état. Vous verrés, Monsr. que celuy des Femmes et des Enfans que je vous renvoye, excede celuy auquel j'etois tenu. Monsieur Schuyler me l'ayant demandé, j'y ay consenti avec Plaisir et par hu=manité et pour convaincre vôtre Excellence de la Solidité de mes Intentions ce qui me donne lieu d'esperer que vous voudrés bien me renvoyer le trés petit Nombre des Femmes et d'Enfans Canadiens qui peuvent étre dans vos Colonies._ Vous trouverés aussi cy joint, Monsieur, l'état des Of=ficiers pris à la Belle Riviere dans l'Affaire du 14e. Septembre. Quelques uns m'a t. on dit sont encore entre les Mains des Sauvages; j'ay donnés mes Ordres pour qu'on les retirât sur le Champ. Cinq sont icy. Il ne tient pas à moy d'adoucir

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leur captivité; Mais vôtre Excellence sait; comme moy, que les meilleurs Traitemens ne peuvent ôter à de Bons Officiers le Desir de servir et le Regret de la Patrie. Ils me sollicitent fortement, ainsi que six autres qui sont à Quebec, pour que je les Echange, ou que je leur permette d'aller chés eux sur leurs Paroles. Je les ai assuré, comme il est vrai, qu'il n'avoit pas dependu de moy qu'ils n'eussent cette Satisfaction, pouvois je en Effet proposer à votre Excellence rien de plus convenable qu'une Echange generale, tant des Officiers que des Soldats et un cartel pour l'Avenir conforme aux derniers faits en Europe, mettant toute fois en sequestre les Prisonniers mentionnés dans la capitulation du Fort William Henry jusqu'à la Decision de nos deux Cours? J'ignore quel Motif a pû engager votre Excellence a refuser ces propositions, la premiere faite par écrit et la seconde de vive Voix par Mr. de Bougainville; vous ne m'en trouverés moins disposé, Monsieur, à écouter et accepter celles que vous pourrés me faire et qui relatives aux Principes Européens tendront à établir de plus en plus la bon Foy, l'humanite, la Politesse même; à tacher en un Mot que la Guerre n'entraine avec elle que le Mal trop malheureusement indispensable.

J'ay consenti, Monsieur, que le Capitaine

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Samuel Woodward du Regiment de la nouvelle jersey passât dans la Nouvelle Angleterre sur sa Parole. Comme le Sr. Corriveau Capne. des Milices revenu icy sur la Sienne et Votre permission pourra peutêtre à cause de sa mauvaise Santé exceder le Terme que vous luy avés accordé, j'ay permis au Sr. Woodward de rester chés luy jusqu'à ce que vous reclamiés le dt. Sr. Corriveau.

Agrées, Monsieur, que j'ay l'honneur de rappeller a votre Excellence l'interêt que je prends à Mr. de Belletre Fils qui fût pris aux environs du Fort Cumberland en Virginie vous voulûtes bien me promettre que vous le reclameriés et que vous me le envoyeriés, Je crains que vos grandes Occupations n'aient été cause que vous l'ayés oublié.

Je suis avec la plus grande Consideration,

Monsieur

Votre très humble et très

Obeissant Serviteur

Vaudreüil.

Mr. Abercromby

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Rolle des Prisonniers Anglais remis au Colonel Schuyler.

Savoir.

Soldats.

Noms	Conditions
Thomas Emerson	Sergent.
Louis Semeth	Soldat.
Daniel Philippes	Idem.
Henry Neles	Idem.
Joseph Semelon	Idem.
Georges Bayd	Idem.
Carpenter Crawford	Idem.
George Baik	Idem
Arter Bayd	Idem
John Sahés	Idem
John Jarius	Idem
John Benham	Idem
John St. Claire	Idem.
Jeremy Aremen	Idem
Amos Rodjer	Idem.
Faltel Ingel	Idem
Michael Bordjeser	Idem
Thomas Brown	Idem
Benjamin Robards	Idem
Jaret Sanadé	Idem
David Wigt	Idem
Joseph Galik	Idem

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Noms	Suite des Soldats.
John Asté	Idem
Rufess Chapman . . .	Idem.
Thomas Arforden	Soldat.
John Sil	Idem
Harman Geila . . .	Idem
Joseph Fetman	Idem
Ezekel Shouts	Idem
Malcom Steuard . . .	Idem
William Caugrem . . .	Idem
Joseph Sikers	Idem
Philippe Tilor.	Idem
Matthieu Severance . .	Idem
James Wedje	Idem
Hugh Mc dogal . . .	Idem
William Gregoire	Idem

<u>Milice et autres</u>

Joste Petry	Bourgmaitres.
John Joste Petry . . .	Milicien.
Peter Belignear . . .	Idem
George Woods . . .	Idem
Lewis Crues . . .	Idem
Ebenezer Farnworth . .	Idem
Samuel Scribner . .	Idem
William Sarnwood . .	Idem
Peter Backoven . .	Idem

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Suite des Milices.

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John Kery . . . . . . Idem

Philippe Halmen . . . Idem

John Hallé . . . . . Idem

Jacob Lorge . . . . Idem.

Toby Stall . . . . . Milicien

Michael Tipaul . . . Idem.

John Wiver . . . . Idem

Thomas Michael . . . Idem

George Timoth . . . . Idem

Jacob Tonis . . . . . Idem

Detrick Timoth . . . . Idem

Phelippe Arter . . . . Idem

Arman Wader . . . . Idem

Frederik Rill . . . . Idem

John Stille . . . . . Idem

Nicolas Saiver . . . . Idem

Stofel Els . . . . . Idem

Jeremi Jacque . . . . Idem

Isaac Parker . . . . . Idem

John Raiford . . . . Idem

Ephraim Cleland . . . Idem

Faster Drick . . . . . Idem

Frederik Grill . . . . Idem

George Hix . . . . Idem

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Femmes.

Delias Petri

Marie Petri

Helaine Almer

Marie Wiver.

Enfans.

Anna } Petri.
Marie }

John Joste } Petri.
Elizabeth }

Marguerite Religneur

Lisette Lorges

Marguerite Wiver

Marie Arter

William How

Josia How

Peter How

Nomes des Femmes et Enfans n'ont compris dans l' Echange que Mr. Le Marquis de Vaudreuil veut bien renvoyer.

Marguerithe Almer

Marguerithe Rill.

Jster Hix.

Marie Word

Sara Branon

Delia Timoth

Eleanor Rodjer

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Marguerithe Noover

Elizabet Arter.

Marie Anglick

Anne Brotertow

Ledia Tilebuis

Marguerethe Mc queen

Marie Arner.

Susanna Carik

Isabel Andrews

Anne Akseners

Sara Peters.

Etat des Anglais Prisonniers qui montent de Quebec à Montreal pour fournir aux Echanges que tende faire Monsieur le General.

Mrs Schuyler .. Colonel du Regt. de Nouvelle Jersey

Martin .. Capne Lieut. d'Artillerie.

Polman .. Capne au Regt. de Nouvelle Angleterre.

Shornes .. Ensne au Regt. de Blakeney

Webb ... Ensne au Regt. de Nouvelle Jersey

Stakes .. Chirurgien Major au dt. Regiment.

Soldats

Samuel Dolavert

Alex: Johnson

John Robertson

Daniel Frayer

Nathanael Robert

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Moses Chappy

William Hamilton

Matthieu Colens

Jacob Dogwender

John Ware.

Mathelot.

Michael Law

Adam Malson

William Warton

Soloman Rotner

John Thompson

John Stonevert

Thomas Bravat

Laboureurs et Autres.

Patrick Power

Daniel Lock

Jonathn Lock

Abel Yston

Thomas Stijrnetz

Matthieu Symonton

William Kennedy

Thomas Negre, Domestique de Mr. Schuyler non Prisonnier

Un Enfant dont on ignore le Nom.

Sylvanius Johnson.

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Femmes.

Melle How.

Melle Hamilton

Barbery Butteler veuve

Elizabet Scott.

Elizabeth Williams

Etat des Anglais qui se sont absenté au Moment du Depart de Mr. Schuyler et de ceux qui partes à leur Place.

Noms des Anglais qui se sont absente.	Noms des Anglais remis au Colonel Schuyler à la Place de ceux cy contre.
John Tarius	George Tiles
John Renham	John Byngem
Faltel Ingel	John Brown
Jaret Sanadés	John Barns.
William Gregoire	Denis Manholland
James Drik	Theodore Crall
Frederick Grill	Cornelius Felty.

Je soussigné Pierre Schuyler Ancien Colonel du Regiment de Milice de la Nouvelle Jersey, authorisé par Son Excellence le General Abercromby, Commandant en chef pour Sa Majesté Britanique dans toute le Nouvelle Angleterre, en Vertu du Pouvoir qu'il m'à donné par sa Lettre du pr. Octobre de la Courante Année pour traiter avec Son Excellence le Mr de Vaudreuil Commandeur de l'Ordre Royal et Militaire

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de St. Louis, Gouverneur et Lieutenant General pour Sa Majesté très Chretienne en toute la Nouvelle France, Terres et Pays de la Louisiane, de l'Echange des Officiers, Employés, Soldats, Miliciens, de la Garnison de Frontenac et des Femmes et Enfans qui etoient à Frontenac pour un pareil Nombre d'Anglais de même Grade. Certiffie que Mon dt. Sr. le Mis. de Vaudreuil m'à accordé mon Échange pour mon dt. Sr. de Noyan et celle des Officiers, Soldats, Miliciens, Femmes et Enfans mentionnés au Rolle cy dessus et des autres Parts pour les autres Officiers, Employés, Soldats & Miliciens de la dte. Garnison de Frontenac et pour les Femmes et Enfans qui s'y sont trouvez, au Moyens de quoy, Je declare toujours en Vertu de Pouvoir que j'ay du General Abercromby que Mr. de Noyan, les Officiers, Employés Soldats. Miliciens et autres Personnes comprises dans la Capitulation accordé le vingt Sept Aoust de la Courante Année par le Colonel Bradstreet à Mon. de Noyan et à la ditte Garnison de Frontenac sont purement et pleinement dechangés de leur Paroles d'honneurs et sont entièrement libres de servir chacun en ce qui les concerne civilement et militairement, qu'en outres Mon dt. Sr. le Marquis de Vaudreuil m'à remis de sa propre Volonté les Femmes et Enfans mentionnés au sus dt. Rolle excedent le Nombres necessaire pour

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completter la d.te Echange.

Fait Triple à Montreal le p.er 9bre 1758.

Vaudreuil. Peter Schuyler

Copie

[Endorsed] List of the English Prisoners deliver'd | to Col.o Schuyler in Exchange for those | taken at Frontenac | Enclosed in M.r Vaudreuil's of 1.st Novem.r | 1758 | in M. G. Abercromby's (Separate) | of Nov.r 25: 1758 | 17.

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New York, December 17th 1758.

Sir/

Altho' upon my Arrival here, I had Information, that a French Privateer of great Strength had, for some Time, been cruizing on and off this Coast, and had greatly annoy'd the Trade, by capturing several Vessells bound to & from this Port, yet, as the Merchants of this City were sollicitous with me for the Sailing of a Packet, I readily believed they had Intelligence of that Privateer having gone off with her Booty; Wherefore as well as for the Reasons mention'd in my Letter of the 25th Ult.o I made no Scruple of granting their Request, but soon after, hearing that one of the Transports from Boston, with the Cloathing of the 47th Regiment, had then lately been taken by her, I thought it prudent to defer Dispatching the Packet, untill the Arrival of His Majesty's Ship the Nightingale, which I heard was on her way hither.

Waiting for the Nightingale, I received Intelligence, that Maj.r Gen. Amherst was come to Boston, which made me lay aside all Thoughts of Dispatching any Packet; Upon his Arrival here on the 12th Instant, I inform'd him of

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the Readiness the Packet was in, the Design I had had of Dispatching her, and the Reasons that prevented me from doing it; upon which he has made further Enquiries, with which he will, doubtless, acquaint You, and therefore, I shall not trouble You any further on that Head.—

The Day Major General Amherst came to Town, an Express arrived from Brigr. Gen. Forbes, with Letters for the Commander in Chief, containing Accounts of the Enemies having Evacuated Fort du Quesne, and after having set Fire to it, being retired some one Way, some another; of all which You will be more particularly inform'd by Major General Amherst, who only waits the Coming of Major Halkett, who it seems Brigr. Gen. Forbes was to Dispatch to you with this agreable News, to send off the Packet. Permit Me, Sir, to congratulate you on this happy, important Event.

I am busy in rendering out the several Papers, Orders, & Instructions, as well as Informations & Intelligences, that can any Ways tend to enable Major Gen. Amherst to discharge the Trust reposed in him by his Majesty; and so soon as that is done, and the Kennington (who I hear is destined to take me to Europe) is arrived, I shall embark in, and proceed with her on my Way to England,

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where I hope to have the Satisfaction of express-
-ing to You my great Gratitude for Your kind
Indulgence & the high Sense I have of the
good Opinion, You are pleased to entertain of me.

Since my last Letters Col.^o Schuyler arrived
here, and I have granted him the Warrant You
directed

I have the honour to be, with the greatest
Respect,

Sir

Your most obedient & most

Humble Servant

James Abercromby.

The Right Honble William Pitt Esqr.–

Endorsed New York. Decr. 17th 1758. | Maj^r. Genl. Abercromby. |
R/ Jan^ry 19th

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Sir.

If a series of painful and repeated Labours during the last and present Wars in the service of my King and Country, which to every person acquainted with my Circumstances must appear purely disinterested; or if the most fervent desires of being released from my bonds to reembarke in that Cause in which I have lost my liberty can recommend me to your consideration; I flatter myself I have already urged a sufficient excuse for the trouble of this application. It is however Sir with infinite Regret, that I find myself necessitated either to complain of the entire neglect with which my captivity has been treated during the Earl of Loudouns Command, or to implore your attention amidst the weighty matters of Government, to my relief. Impatient of confinement at a Juncture in which my Country justly demanded my best and most faithful Services, I obtained leave from the Governor of Canada for my return to New York, upon my Parole to Negotiate my exchange for some Canadian Prisoners; The prospect was at that time promising, but the thing is now become impracticable, by Monsieur Montcalms determined resolution, to insist on a strict observance of the Articles of Capitulation, at the surrender of Fort William Henry; by which

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among other things, a discharge of all our French Prisoners, without exchange, was expressly stipulated. When the time of my return to Canada drew nigh, I applied myself to his Excellency General Abercromby; to whose favour I owe the greatest obligations; as through his Negotiations with the French General (the Issue of which by his commands I am waiting for) I have in prolonging the time of my return, the honour of making this application.

By his Excellency's direction I have also prepared a Memorial (a copy of which I have presumed to inclose) to the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Barrington his Majesty's Secretary at War, within whose department I am informed my Case properly falls; the conveyance of which memorial to his Lordship his Excellency has been pleased to undertake. And as your Countenance will effectually secure the success of this measure permit me Sir, with all humility to entreat the weight and efficacy of your interposition in my behalf, and with the most ardent wishes that your Ministry may continue a lasting blessing to the Nation to subscribe myself.

Your most devoted humble Servant.

Peter Schuyler

Honourable William Pitt Esqr.

Secretary of State for the Southern District.—

Endorsed Colo. Schuyler. / R/ June 1st 1758. by Mr. Johnson

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To the Right Honble Lord Viscount Barrington,
his Majesty's Secretary at War.

The Memorial of Peter Schuyler, late Colonel of the Provincial Troops of New Jersey, in behalf of himself, & William Martin Captain in his Majesty's Royal Regiment of Artillery, & Benjamin Stakes Surgeon of the said Provincial Troops, all prisoners upon their parole.

Humbly sheweth.

That your Memorialist, from his sincere desire of promoting his Majesty's service, accepted the command of the New Jersey regiment, & after serving two Summers at Oswego, was made prisoner there & carried into Canada, where he was captive upwards of 14 Months, during which time, he expended a large sum, out of his private fortune, in support of his fellow prisoners.

That your Memorialist, together with the said Capt. William Martin, & Surgeon Stakes, obtained leave from the Governor Genl of Canada, to come to New York, on their parole, to the 1st of May next, in order to effectuate an exchange with Canadian prisoners at New York.

That your Memorialist on his road to New York, the 8th day of November last, had the honor to make his application to the Earl of Loudoun,

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then at Fort Edward, who engaged to use his utmost endeavors to procure an exchange; but to your Memorialist's great surprise, declared on the 21st inst. That he had taken no steps in procuring the same; upon which your Memorialist applied to Major Genl. Abercromby, who readily consented to send a letter to the Marquis de Vaudreuil, offering to deliver up Canadian Officers in exchange for Colonel Schuyler Capt. Martin & Surgeon Stakes.

That your Memorialist from this expedient which is the best at this time, expects no further advantage than gaining some time, & saving himself from the disagreeable necessity of returning so soon as the 1st of May to prison again, unless an exchange can be obtained in Europe.

May it therefore please your Lordships, in consideration of your Memorialist's long and faithful services during the two last Wars, and his great expences incurred thereby to procure an exchange for your Memorialist, & the said Capt. Martin, & Surgeon Stakes, that he may again be at liberty to hazard his life & fortune in the service of his Country.

All which is humbly submitted. –

New York March 24th 1758

Endorsed Colonel Schuyler's Memorial – / in Coll. Schuyler's.

Rd June 1st 1758

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Philadelphia May 1st 1758 [p.1]

Sir

By a Letter that I have just received from Major General Abercromby, I am directed to correspond with you, and impart to His Majestys Ministers the Steps that I take, and the Events following thereon, in prosecution of the Command entrusted to my Care, that no time may be lost, in informing His Majesty of the progress of His Affairs in the Southern Collonys.

I received General Abercrombys Commands upon the fourteenth of last Month, ordering me to repair from New York to Philadelphia, and there to endeavour to reconcial Matters between the Governour and Assembly, in order to the passing of a Bill of one hundred thousand Pounds for His Majestys use, and Services of this Campaign. The Bill after various Altercations was at last agreed to, and passed upon the 26th of last Month; and the Provincial Troops were order'd to be augmented to [p.2] two thousand seven hundred Men. They have just now began to raise their Men by naming their Officers &ca a few days will show what Success the Recruiting Officers meet with; But every thing except fresh Disputes which arise every day, goes on very slowly, but I have and shall do every thing in my power to quell them.

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The three lower Countys are raising three hundred Men, which I have reason to expect will be soon compleated.

The Province of Maryland have been extremely dilatory in their proceedings, nor do I yet find, that they have come to any resolution about granting Supplys. At the End of last Year they voted their Troops (consisting of three hundred Men) shou'd be disbanded, by which fort Cumberland and that back Country must have fallen into the Enemys Hands. But the Earl of Loudoun gave assurances to Governour Sharpe,

[p 3] that rather than these Men should be disbanded his Lop would make good the Expences of keeping them up. In this Situation these Troops have been these four or five Months; and as General Abercromby seems averse at present, to have that Expence fall upon the Crown, I can have but very little dependance of Maryland doing any good for the Service; even altho' they grant Eighty thousand Pounds for His Majestys use, twenty five or thirty thousand Pounds of which will be appropriated for their long Sessions of Assembly, and great part of the remainder consumed in the pay and Arrears due to their Troops.

The Province of Virginea have voted to augment their Troops to two thousand Men, and

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are to garrison their forts and Frontiers with their Militia. But I doubt much if that Province will be able to raise that Number of Men, altho' they give ten pounds enlisting Money. The Regiment that they have on foot amounts at present to Eight hundred Men, but I may venture to say, that they will not be able to raise |four hundred [p. 4] Men more, and if they shoud draught their Militia to compleat the two thousand Men, these Men will not stay Eight days with us. There is nothing expected from the Carolinas. It was impossible to bring the three Independent Companys of South Carolina this way: as they are stationed at the Forts in the Indian Country at the back of Georgia.

The regular Forces destined for the operations upon the frontiers of the Southern Provinces and the Ohio, are thirteen Companys of Montgomerys Highlanders, and four Companys of the first Battalion of the Royal American Regiment. The Ten Companys of the former are not yet arrived from South Carolina. The three additional Companys who are in this Province, have one third Sick, and the remainder have not yet recover'd strength enough for Service, occasioned by their long passage from Britain. The four Companys

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[p.6] of the first Battalion / of Americans are got to this place, they are sickly being just arrived from South Carolina, and they want fifty Men to compleat them, which will be impracticable to fill up, as the Provinces are giving so high Bountys for raising the Men, they are to fur=nish during this Campaign.

This is the Situation of the Military State of the Southern Provinces, and regular Troops; by which you will see what may be expected from me: more particularly when you will please to consider that the Artillery, Arms, Tents, and the other things necessary for carrying on the Service I am entrusted with the care of are not as yet arrived.

The Cherokee and Catauba Indians have been fully as good as their promise, in coming in at dif=ferent times from their own Country for these two or three Months by past, to Winchester in Virginea, the place of their Randezvous. Their Numbers already

[p.6.] come, are Six hundred and / fifty two, and several more are expected, and are actually upon their March. As they are almost naked, and without Arms, I have left no means untry'd to provide them in both and have so farr succeeded that I have now scouting Partys to the amount of

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four hundred of them (all equipt for War) who are gone upon the Ohio, above and below fort Duquesne, in order to annoy the Enemy, gett Intelligence, and bring away some Prisoners if possible. As fast as the rest can be equipt they shall go out upon the same Errand. For as our greatest dependance is upon them, and they capable of being led away by any Caprice or Whime that seizes them, I am obliged by every artifice to amuse them from returning home; they being rather offended at not seeing our Army and Artillery assembled, which I am afraid they had reason to expect. However I propose getting Governour Sharpe and an Officer from this to go amongst them to keep up their Spirits, by constant Employment, altho' that may |be difficult to do, without equiping them for [p.7] War: which equipment for one thousand Indians amounts to the value of Eight thousand pounds, and many of the things not to be gott in America, especially light Arms.

In the mean time untill the Troops arrive from South Carolina, the Artillery and stores from England, and that the provincial Forces are raised and collected at their different rendezvous: I shall be preparing the Magazines and moving them up fifty

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or Sixty Miles beyond the inhabited parts of this Province, that no stop may be made for want of that material Article provision. The Carriage of which is so difficult and Expensive on this Continent; but more particularly in the back parts of these Provinces, where there is no Water Carriage.

I had the Honour of your Letter (dated at Whitehall Jan.y the 27th) the 24th of last Month, with a Letter for Governour Lyttelton. I executed

[p.8] the Orders it contain'd | by writing directly to Colonel Montgomery, and sent the Letters p.r Express over land to South Carolina, where if my Letter miss of Colonel Montgomery, I shall take care that he be immediately acquainted with its contents upon his arrival here.

I beg pardon for having taken up so much of your time, but thought it my indispensable Duty to say so much, lest the unavoidable delays that occur hourly in executing the Trust His Majesty has honour'd me with, might in some measure seem to lie at my Door. When I beg leave to assure you that no dilligence or application of mine shall ever be wanting to help forward the Service to the utmost of my Power

I am Sir with the greatest Regard and Respect

Your most obedient and | most humble Servant

Jo: ffforbes.

To the Right Hon.ble William Pitt Esq.r &c.a

Endorsed Philadelphia May 1st 1758. | Brigad.r Gen.l Forbes. | R/ July 3d

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Sir

I did myself the honour of writing to you the first of this Month giving you a state of the milli-tary Affairs in the Southern provinces at that time.

There has little occurred since only I find that this province begins to complain that the £100,000 voted for the service of the year is mostly expended already, owing to one half of that sume being ap-propriated to clear the arrears due to their troops and other demands, by which in reality they have only given £50,000 for the service of this years.

The striking of their paper money has taken up so much time, that they had not got £10,000 five days ago. So you see Sir those tardy pro-ceedings will greatly distress our active operations, however I am still in hopes of getting about 1000 of their Men together (including those that they had on foot) by the 1st of June, But when the rest will be got I can scarce form any Judgement.

The Maryland Assembly have as yet come to no determination, and are in the same situ-ation that I had the honour to acquaint you off, but from some quickening letters that I have lately wrote to that Province I flatter myself they will at least keep the 300 men now on their pay for this season and more I scarcely can expect.

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The Virginians are going on slowly in compleating their Quota to the 2,000 Men that they have agreed to raise, and I shall be well pleased if I get a few more than half their number by the first of June.

Colonel Montgomerys Battalion is not yet come from Carolina, altho by the last account I have reason to believe they may be embarking there by this time, I have therefore march'd the 3 additional Companies of that Battalion, and the 4 Companys of Col. Stanwix Battalion into the Back Country, to protect the frontiers untill Col. Montgomery's Battalion arrive, and the new Levies come in.

I am sorry to acquaint you that the Cherokee Indians who have been out upon several scouting party's, and with some success, begin to weary, and languish after their own homes, complaining that they see no appearance of our Army.

Hitherto I have had the good fortune to amuse them and keep them from returning, by promises, and presents, but how long I shall be able to continue them with us I cannot say.

But as they are by farr the greatest body of Indians, that we have ever had to join us, (they being above 700 Men) I thought it my duty to do every thing in my power to continue them with us. For which reason I was obliged to purchase the necessarys

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for equiping of them for Warr, and for presents to them, through this, and all the other Colonies, where such goods, and Arms were to be found.

I did imagine that I should have had the Assistance of Sir William Johnston, and of Mr Atkins in the manadgement of those Indians Being informed that those Gentlemen, are solely to superintend Indian Affairs, exclusive of any other person.

But as Sir William continued at his settlement 500 Miles North of this, and Mr Atkins remained at Charlestown 1000 Miles to the South, I found my self obliged either to act, as I have done or must have seen those Indians, return to their own Country disgusted, and probably ready to join the Enemy against us.

And even notwithstanding the dilligence I have used in amassing those goods, There is one Warrior and thirty of his tribe have left us, and another Warriour was actually sett out upon his return, but by sending some Intelligent people after him, have persuaded him and his followers to come back.

So you must easily see how difficult a task it is, to keep so Capricious a sett of people anyways Steady.

I have applyed to this province for their

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aid and assistance in furnishing me with Interpreters, Conductors and such a proportion of presents for the Indians, as they should judge would fall to their share, considering that So Carolina and Virginia had both contributed largely, but the Governour has been told by the Provinciall Commissioners, that they had no money, and consequently could allow nothing for that so necessary Service. So that I foresee the whole Expence of the Indians will (in spite of what I can do) fall upon the Crown.

I should therefore be extreamly Happy to find what I have hitherto done, approved of by His Majesty, with orders how I am to proceed and conduct myself for the future.

As the Artillery - Arms - Tents &ca destined for the Service in the Southern provinces are not yet arrived nor any Accounts of them. I have been obliged to scrape together some Guns of different Calibres from different places, with all the Ammunition - and three Royal Howbitzers that I have got cast here, in order to form a train, which with the Assistance of an Officer and 9 Men of our own train, that General Abercromby has been so good as send me, and what I can pick out from among the provincialls I hope in some measure to be able to supply the Dissapointment of the Store

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ship, and Artillery men. Having Bought, and Borrowed a good many Firelocks, and provided 300 Tents, which in warm weather must serve them all, as every man has a Blankett.

I have now on the back frontiers of this province three months provisions for 6000 Men, and I am just entering into a Contract for a sufficient number of Waggons, and pack Horses for the transportation of it from one deposite to another, as soon as the troops can be brought up and pushed forward to prepare those Stockaded deposites for the reception of the provisions and Stores.

I shall lose no time in getting every thing in readyness to move forward, as by that means I may faciliate General Abercromby's Operations, by preventing the West Country Indians from going to Join the Canadians upon Lake George.

As I have severall people out for Intelligence I hope in a short time to inform you of the Enemy's strength, and my Generall plan for annoying the Enemy, and shall by the first opportunity, send you a Draught of the Country, with the march I intend to make.

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I am Sir with the greatest respect & regard

Yr most obt & most

humble Servt

Jo: ffforbes.

Philadelphia May 19th 1758

The Rt Honble Wm Pitt Esqre

Endorsed: Philadelphia, May 19th 1758 | Brigr Genl. Forbes |

R/ July 3d.

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Philadelphia June 17th 1758

Sir

Colo Montgomerry's Highland Battalion arrived here the eight from So Carolina, and I dispatched Capt. Mc Intosh the next day to Admiral Boscawen.

The Store Ship with Arms, Tents, Ammunition & Artillery &c. arrived here the 11th which enables me to set out directly for the frontiers, where I have previously assembled all the new levys, of this province and Virginia.

North Carolina I am told has sent 200 men by sea to Alexandria in Virginia, and have ordered 100 more (which is all they have) to march by the back parts of Virginia in order to join me at Fort Cumberland, but when they will arrive cannot tell.

The Maryland Assembly broke up without providing any one thing for the present services, or for the paymt and maintenance of their troops in Fort Cumberland and Fort Frederick, since the eight of october last. By which the Crown becomes bound by the Earl of Loudouns orders to Mr. Sharp, for the payment of those Garrisons from october last to this present time, and the necessity of keeping them there, was the preservation of those two

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Forts from the Enemy. = As they are only 300 Men, and have been used to the woods and the Indian manner of Fighting, I thought it would be a great loss to allow them to disband themselves, upon the province refusing them their by past pay, or Continuing them during the Campaign; so have therefore made them an offer to pay them from this time during the rest of the Campaign, and to solicite for their by past pay, either from the province, or by virtue of the Earl of Loudoun's promise and orders to Governour Sharp.

The Cherokee Indians are (I am afraid) no longer to be kept with us, owing to their natural fickle disposition which is not to be got the better off by fair words nor presents, of both which they have had a great deal, and threats we dare not use, least they change sides, so if the seeing of our Cannon and their Cousins the Highlanders has no Effect upon their stay with us - we shall lose the best part of our strength as all the northern Indians mostly our Enemies were kept in awe by the presence of so many Cherokees.

As my offensive operations are clogged with many difficultys, owing to the great distance and badness of the roads, through an almost impene=trable wood, uninhabited, for more than 200 Miles,

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our back inhabitants being all drove into Carlisle. I am therefore lay'd under the necessity of having a Stockaded Camp, with a Blockhouse and Cover for our provisions, at every forty miles distance, By which means altho I advance but gradually, yet I shall go more surely, by lessening the number, and Immoderate long train of provision Waggons &c. For I can set out with a fortnights provisions from my first deposite, in order to make my second, which being finished in a few days, and another fortnights provision brought up from the first, to the second, I directly advances to make my third, and so proceed forward, by which I shall have a Constant supply, security for my provisions, by moving them forward from Deposite, to Deposite as I advance, and lastly if not thought convenient to settle upon the Ohio, or in that Country, I shall have a sure retreat, leaving a road always practicable to penetrate into those back Countrys, as our settlements advance towards them, from this side of the Allegany Mountains.

I need not point out to you Sir my reasons for these precautions, when you consider that had our last attempt upon Fort DuQuesne succeeded, we must have retired directly, for want of provisions,

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and at that time our back Settlements were much nearer advanced to Fort Du Quesne and the Ohio, than they are at present, having properly speaking none to the Westward of Carlisle.

I have used every art and means to gett Intelligence of the strength of the French and Indians (in their Alliance) in those parts, but to little purpose, having various reports, which may indeed be true, as their Savages may be as whimsical as ours, and consequently they may have sometimes numbers and at other times few, or none. But by every account the whole of them in those parts are in a Starving Condition, as there has no provisions been sent them this year, either from Canada, nor by the Missippi.

And this leads me to think that had those Indians who were our friends been managed with common prudence and honesty, that they must have continued so, as we could more easily and at a cheaper rate have supplyed them with provisions, and their other necessarys. - But by allowing them to be most grossly cheated and abused by the sadest of mortals called Indian traders in place of having a fair open markett under the Eye and direction of Government, and by allowing of a rage and madness in stretching out our settlements into their hunting countries, the only resource they had for sustenance)

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and that without any previous Contract, or agreement with them, they have thereby been drove into the Arms of the French who with their usual chicane make them believe, they do not come to drive them out, but to build Forts among them to protect them against us. — But I beg pardon for this digression to you Sir who knows all those sad truths from better Authority than I can pretend to.

As the store ship was so late of coming in I was obliged to purchase a great many Arms, Tents &c. for the provincialls, so shall keep the supernumary Arms in store, and the new tents may serve another occasion — I have likewise been obliged to purchase every kind of thing for the Indians (who came naked) having had no manner of assistance from either off the Superintendants of Indian Affairs.

I have now above 400 men out upon scouting partys, but as they have four or five Hundred miles in the going and returning, what Intelligence they bring is always of so old a date that there is no trusting to it.

I shall lose no time in doing every thing in my power for the publick good to the best of my capacity, and have the honour to be with the greatest regard and esteem

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Sir

Y^r. most obed^t. & most
humb^le. Servt.-
Jo: ffforbes.

R^t. Honble. W^m. Pitt Esqre.

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Endorsed Philadelphia, June 17th. 1758./ Brig^r. Genl. Forbes/ R/ Augt. 7th./

Carlisle Camp, West of Susquehannah
July 10th 1758

Sir

I did myself the honour of writing to you from Philadelphia the 17th of June, when I acquainted you of the situation of the troops under my Com-mand.

So soon as I gott the Artillery and stores landed from on board the transports from England, and putt in some order which was not till the 30th of June, I sett out from Philadelphia with the Highland Battaln of Montgomerry and the train of Artillery which marches into the Camp here this day, all well and in order, altho the March was long being 120 Miles, in excessive hot Weather, and having two great Rivers the Sculkill and Susque-hannah to pass, upon Raffts and Flatts, and the last river being 1900 yards over.

I halt tomorrow and shall then proceed 100 miles further to Raestown, where I have now 1500 of the provincialls, who are building some storehouses and stockading a piece of Ground for our Ammuni-tion and provisions — For in Raestown there is not one single house, the place having its name from one Rae, who designed to have made a plantation there several years ago, nor indeed is there either Inhabitants

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or houses from this to the Ohio (except at Forts Loudoun and Lyttleton which are only two or three houses each, enclosed with a Stockade of 100 feet square) the whole being an immense Forest of 240 miles of Extent, intersected by several ranges of mountains, impenetrable almost to any thing humane save the Indians, (if they be allowed the appellation) who have foot paths, or tracts through those desarts, by the help of which, we make our roads.

I am in hopes of finding a better way over the Allegancy Mountain, than that from fort Cumberland which Genll. Braddock took, If so I shall shorten both my march, and my labours of cutting the road about 40 miles, which is a great consideration - For were I to pursue Mr. Braddocks route, I should save but little labour, as that road is now a brush wood, by the sprouts from the old stumps, which must be cutt down and made proper for carriages, as well as any other passage that we must attempt.

The Cherokee Indians being but bad judges of time came too early in the year to our assistance, and therefore had not patience to wait our time, so that from the fickleness of their temper the Greatest part of them went home three weeks ago. You may believe Sir that no method was left untryed.

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to detain them, but they are like sheep where one leaps, all the rest follow.

We have still near 200 that remain, and are so much attached to us, that they have given the little nothing they have, into our stores as a pledge of their services to us during the Campaign.

This is owing in a great degree to Mr. Byrd of Virginia to whom I should do a great injustice if I was silent upon the Occasion. – As he has a very large and opulent fortune in Virginia, he joined the Earl of Loudoun early after his Arrival in America, Accompany'd the Army to Hallifax last Year, and sett a noble example to all the Gentlemen of the Continent, who had either Inclination or abilities to serve the King and their Country. He in the month of February last offered his services to the Earl of Loudoun, and embarked at New York for South Carolina, went from thence some hundreds of miles up into the Cherokees Country, assembled their Chiefs, and by a march of near a thousand Miles conducted some of the best warriors of that nation through both the Carolinas and Virginia into this Country, and luckily arrived in time at the Army (then in Embryo) where by his Interest, and the sight of His followers, their Countrymen, and chief sachems; The number I now have the honour

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to acquaint you off, remains steady to His Majesty's Service, and are now the advanced Guard of the troops under my Command: The Virginia Assembly have named him to the Command of their new raised regim.t which he accepted off with pleasure, and actuated by the same Spirit and zeal for the Honour of the King and Good of his Country, has I dare say at great personall expence equipt her regim.t in many necessarys not allowed of by the Virginia Assembly, and they are now all ready at Fort Cumberland.

You will pardon me Sir if I mention one other Gentleman, who tho a near Relation of mine, I can not, but do his Intentions and endeavours the Justice they deserve, I mean Mr. Glen late Governour of So Carolina, who came from thence with Montgomery's regim.t to pay me a Visit at Philadelphia, where hearing of the Defection and falling off, of the Cherokees, went off into the back Country directly, and as he has had formerly great dealings with them, I am persuaded his personall Interest among them, contributes greatly at this present time in making them do whatever is desired. But I am persuaded that a Message that he has sent to the little Carpenter, who is the second person of the whole Cherokee Nation will bring him and

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some of his Warriors to join us before the end of the Campaign, so that as to the point of Indians, we shall be very well if they continue steady, but that is precarious— As the least Jealousy, or smallest disgust, oversetts a months Civility, and good usage at once.

In my last I had the honour to acquaint you, How that the Maryland Assembly had behaved with regard to His Majestys Orders, communicated to them by You.

So Glaring an Infraction of His Majesty's Royal Command at this critical time, draws the Eyes of all upon them: and their refusing all Aid, and assistance, for their own protection, and repelling the Enemy, strikes all honest men with a horrible Idea of their Ingratitude to the best of Kings.

I am with the greatest regard and Esteem
Yr most obt & most Humle Servt
Jo: fforbes.

Rt Honble Wm Pitt Esqre

P.S: I am this moment informed, since writing the above, that 50 of the Catawba Indians have left us, and are gone home, Those were the tribe we placed the greatest confidence in, for their attachment to us.

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Fort Loudoun the 6th September 1758

Sir

In my last I had the honour to acquaint you, of my proceedings in the new road across the Alleganey Mountains, and over Laurell Hill, (leaving the Rivers Yohieganey and Monogahela to my left hand) strait to the Ohio, by which I have saved a great deal of way, and prevented the misfortunes that the overflowing of those rivers might occasion.

I acquainted you likewise of the suspicions I had, of the small trust I could repose in the Pennsylvanians in assisting of me with any ones necessary, or any helps in furthering the service that they did not think themselves compelled to do by the words of your letter to them.

As likewise of almost the total defection and desertion of the Southern Indians (except 80) who after the receiving of their presents &c. have all returned home not without commiting egregrious outrages upon the scattered Inhabitants of the Northwest parts of Virginia in their return.

I thought fit to recapitulate this least my letters don't come to hand regularly as there is no post in those parts, nor any regular one any where except from Philadelphia, By New York,

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to Boston; and even there one may be three months in receiving a letter, that ought to be delivered in ten days; besides my letters must now go by Mercht. Ships which makes the delivery very precarious.

I hinted to you in my former, of my endeavouring to bring about a treaty betwixt the Delaware Indians &ca. neighbours to those provinces, but of late drove into the Arms of French and removed to the Ohio &ca. as the Indians Demands were but few, and to me seeming not unreasonable, I thought the reclaiming of those tribes would be of very great service to the Publick in weakening of the French Interest by seting a good example to other Western tribes of Indians who it is said have all the Inclination to be well with us, wanting only an oppertunity, and an assurance of protection to declare themselves for us or at least to remain Neutralls.

This is almost brought to a crissis, their chief men being hourly expected at East town upon the Delaware, where the Governrs. of Pennsylvania and Jersey are to meet them and settle Preliminaries, I wish it could have been done sooner and that they could have had time to remove, because now my scene of of offensive

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operations must imediately be put in execution, when it will be hard for me to distinguish be=twixt our friendly disposed Indians, and our real Enemies.

My advanced post consisting of 1500 men, are now in possession of a strong post 9 miles on the other side of Laurell Hill, and about 40 from Fort Du Quesne, nor had the Enemy ever suspected my attempting such a road till very lately, they having been all along securing the strong passes, and forts, of the rivers upon Genll Braddocks route.

My greatest distress and what may be a real hinderance to me for some days is the pro=visions, which altho every care imaginable has been taken by contracting for great numbers of Waggons and Baggage Horses at very great expences — yet all has not been able, to supply the present con=sumption, and the maintaining of three months provisions in store to carry along with us — This I early foresaw and acquainted the Governt, and the Assembly Commissioners of my doubts, arising from the villiany of the Inhabitants in furnishing their worst Horses at so critical a Juncture — By contract they being obliged to carry 2000 lbs Wt. p Waggons such a length of road in such a specified time but

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cannot carry above 1400 at most and take up four and twenty days in place of twelve to execute it in.

I have wrote the Governr. in very strong terms upon this head, beging he would shew it to their Assembly now sitting, in order that they may fall upon methods of sending from Philadelphia and parts adjacent three months provisions at once, they having carriages in abundance, and I promising to pay so much ꝑ hundd. Wt. for every thing delivered into our Generall Store at Raestown Camp. This I hope is so reasonable that they will comply with it, althô sad experience makes me dread that their dilatory measures, and contrary factions, will so retard, so absolutely necessary a transport as to throw me, and the little Army I have the honours to Command into very great distress.

I was greatly afraid that the unfortunate Stop Genll. Abercrombie met with, might have enabled the French to strengthen themselves with regulars in those parts, but from every Intelligence I can possibly get any reinforcements that have joined, or are likely to join them, are the West Country Indians, who returned from Ticonderoga, who likewise may tire at Fort Du Quesnes, but of this I hopes to be better informed, when still a little nigher them, by the means of deserters of whom as yet we have not had

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one come in, and there is but little trust to be put in the best spies you can find, or in the small scouting parties that you send for discovery, & no truth at all to be expected from an Indian.

The Governt. of Maryland I am greatly obliged to having personally acted with the greatest zeal for the service first by sending 50 Vollunteers all good Woodsmens to join me, and now by marching 200 of his Militia (I believe contrary to his Assembly's inclination) to Garrison Fort Cumberland for one month or to the 12th of October. As he stands bound for the pay and the keeping together the Maryland troops at Fort Cumberland from the 8th of October last, (to the begining of May, that I retained them in the service of the Government) by which that Fort and Country was prevented from falling into the Enemy's hands, all which he did by positive orders from the Earl of Loudoun and the same repeated in very strong terms by Brigadr. Genl. Stanwix to him, and even to the Comanding Officers of Companys.

This has induced me to give him to the extent of £1500 Sterling, for the present support of his credit, and the further carrying on of the service which I hope will meet with your approbation,

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as Govern.t Sharp assures me at the same time, that in his opinion the Maryland Assembly now sensible of their by past bad behaviour, will upon their first meeting pass a law for the payment of all those Accounts.

Govern.t Dobbs without previously acquainting me, did send 200 Men by sea up to join me, and was to send 100 more by land, the first 200 are joined, but the Governour writes me that having neither money nor credit in their province, he was unable either to furnish them with cloaths, or send pay along with them. And desires that I would furnish all those and any other necessarys wanting, and that he would reimburse that expence, out of the first monies paid by the Crown to that Province, hitherto they have had the King's Provisions, but as they are in want of every thing, I must either give them a kind of Cloathing, or get no service from them.

I vainly at the begining flattered myself that some very good service might be Drawn from the Virginia, & Pennsylvania Forces, but am sorry to find that a few of their principle officers excepted, all the rest are an extream bad collection of broken Innkeepers, Horse Jockeys, & Indian traders, and that the men under them, are a direct Copy of their

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Officers, nor can it well be otherwise, as they are a gathering from the scum of the worst of people, in every Country, who have wrought themselves up, into a panick at the very name of Indians who at the same time are more infamous cowards, than any other race of mankind.

If it should please God to grant success to His Majesties Arms in their Attempts upon the Ohio, and which I think can't well fail, I shall be greatly at a loss how to dispose of Fort Du Quesne, whether to blow it up and destroy it and the whole settlements thereabout, or to keep it and leave a Garrison there for the Winter; the execution of the first is as easy, as the second appears to be attended with many difficulties, all which must naturally occur to you, from its great Distance from any of the inhabited parts of those provinces, and consequently the great difficulties of either supporting it or supplying it with necessarys during a long severe Winter.

I have consulted the Governours of Pennsylvania, and Virginia upon this head, and to know what number of troops they could leave there in case it was thought proper to preserve it, to which I have had no positive answer, but I know the Pennsylvania troops will disband the first of

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December unless their Assembly make a new pro=-vision for their support.

In a few days I shall have most of my troops moved forward towards the head, there to be in readyness of seizing the first favourable opportunity of marching to the Banks of the Ohio which I now have in my power of doing, by a march of 48 hours, and if refused the carriages demanded from the Pennsylvanians, or they appear too tardy, and dilatory in the execution thereof, I shall most certainly try it upon flour, and rice, with the assistance of what live cattle we can carry forward with us.

My health that has been extreamly pre=-carious these two years, has of late been very near brought to a close, by a long and severe attack of a bloody flux, which has reduced me to a state of weakness that I am obliged to travel in a Hurdle carried betwixt two Horses but I hope the animating spirits of being able to do the smallest service to my King and Country, will leave nothing undone on my part that can any ways contribute to the success of so Glorious a cause. I have the honour to be with the highest esteem and regard

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Sir

Yr. most obedt. &

most humle. Servt.

Jo: Fforbes.

To

Honble. Willm. Pitt Esqr.

Endorsed Fort Loudoun Sept 6. | 1758 | B. Genl. Forbes |

R | Nov. 14.

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Raes Town Camp 20th Octob.r 1758

Sir

I have done myself the honour of acquaint-ing you from time to time of any material Circumstances that have happened to the small Body of troops under my Command. But the variety of chances against any letters going safe that is entrusted to a post Office in this Country, more particularly in these Uninhabited Fields, makes me afraid my letters do not reach you in due time, or indeed miscarries, as we are also obliged to trust to Merchant Ships, for the sending them home.

I acquainted you of Major Grant of Col.o Montgomery's Battalion with a strong detachment of 900 men, having gone to Fort Du Quesne in order to reconnoitre the Roads & Fort, to check the Enemys scouting partys and to endeavour to make some prisoners in order to get some Intelligence of the Enemys strength &c, which in spite of all my endeavours to learn, by every means that I could devize we are still in the dark off, as to the Certainty of their numbers.

Major Grant trusting to false reports of their strength divided his troops in order to bring them into an ambuscade, and at break

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of Day beat his drums and discovered himself to the Fort, who immediately poured out a large body of men, attacked his divided troops one after another never allowing him time to get them together, and consequently had no difficult task in totally dispers=
=ing of him.

The Majors Grant and Lewis of the Virginia provincialls were mad. prisoners with 4 more officers, seven officers killed and 270 private men.

This was a most terrible check to my small Army, at that time (the 14 September) just got in readiness to have marched to the Enemy as to our Men, had the roads, provisions for man and horse, and the other absolute necessarys corres=
=ponded) as it raised the Enemys spirits and depressed ours, and at that critical time was of great consequence, as it run a risque of rivett=
=ing the Indians to their Interest, who were then fluctuating betwixt the sides that they were to choose, and who I then verily believed were upon the point of returning to their old habitations upon the Susquehannah, and declaring for us.

For which reasons I had some time be=
=fore that, suspended all Military operations against them and their Villages, in hopes of gaining them intirely to our Interest, which I hopes is now in a

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great measure done in a solemn meeting with their Chieffs at Easton upon the Delaware, where we have gott the Governours of Pennsylvania and Jersey to attend them, but as yet I do not know the result of their deliberations.

Since then nothing has happened except that upon the 12th Inst. a body of 900 French & Canadians, came to repay Major Grant's visit, and to attack our furthest advanced post at Loyal Hannon, which if they did not carry, they were to destroy our Baggage-Horses, and the live cattle for our subsistance, They attacked the post for three hours, with little damage on either side, as our men were both, more numerous, covered with a good Breastwork, and had two small redoubts and five pieces of Cannon and Cohorns that played upon the Enemy.

They retreated in the Evening after burying their killed except a very few, and carrying off their wounded, so I do not know their loss, Ours were two Maryland Officers, and about 60 men killed and missing, of which last severals have come in since, having been lost in the woods.

They carryed off all the Baggage-Horses belonging to that post, but we saved all our Oxen.

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I was extreamly angry to find our people had not pursued and attacked their rear in their retreat, from which we might have made re=prizalls, but as our troops were mostly provincialls, I was obliged to attribute it to their Ignorance, for to do Justice I must commend the spirit of some of the provincialls, particularly the Maryland troops, who I retained in the service, after being left to disband by their provinces, and therefore I was obliged to keep them together on our pay, and have been necessiated to advance them from time to time, Money for their support and cloathing, to enable them to carry on the service, and without which they must have left us, as they had no manner of cloathing but one bad blankett each, which will not do in these cold evenings and mornings, no shoes stockings or Breeches, or any one necessary a=gainst the Inclemency of the weather.

The Cherokee and other Southern Indians who come last winter, and so early in the spring to join us, after having by every art they were masters off, gott every thing they could expect from us, left us without any remorse when they found they were not like to gett any more presents for retaining them, so that I have not now left with me above fifty, and I am now upon my march to

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the Ohio, as the season will not admitt of one moments delay, and I wish most sincerely I could have proceeded sooner, as I have no alternative left me now, but a bold push at last, to which I have been absolutely drove by a multiplicity of cross events, too long to trouble you with at present; But the principal reasons that retarded us after gathering our troops together, was the Waggon=Horses failing in bringing up our provisions neither, making proper journeys nor carrying the stipulated weight, by which the magazines (upon the faith and strength of which I was to have proceeded) diminished daily, nor is it easy to replenish them, or support the daily Consumption of an Army, 300 miles distance and that all Land Carriage.

The 2nd was the roads, first over the Alleganey Mount.s and then over the Laurel Hills, that are worse. The whole an Immense unin=habited Wilderness overgrown everywhere with trees and underbrush, so that no where can any one see twenty yards, those roads during the hott and dry seasons were made practicable for carriages, and I was assured by every one, and made believe that the months of October and

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November were the two best months in the year for an expedition, because of the trees losing their leaves, by which one can see a little thro the woods, and prevent the Enemys surprizes, which is their only strength, and likewise, that in those two months the Indians leave the French as it is their chieff hunting season, in which they provide for their familys during the winter.

This last was of great consequence to me, as the Enemys numbers had all along been represented to me, not only equall, but even to exceed what I could carry against them, so it was absolutely necessary that I should take precautions by having posts along my route, which I have done from a project that I took from Turpins Essay Sur la Guerre, Last chapter 4th Book. Intitled Principe sur lequel on peut etablir un projet de Campagne. if you take the trouble of Looking into his Book, you will see the Generall principles upon which I have proceeded.

I am this moment in the greatest distress, occasioned by unusuall rains at this season, which joined to our number of carriages have rendered the clay roads absolutely impracticable to our artillery and Waggons - As the horses are a good deal wore out, I still hope a few days will make a change

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and enables me to proceed, If the weather does not favour I shall be absolutely locked up in the Mountains nor do I scarce see a possibility of recrossing the Alleganey Mountains This I could not foresee, nor prevent as it is quite uncommon here.

I have therefore sent to Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, beging to know what troops they will furnish me, during the winter for the protection of their frontiers & Garrisoning the posts and footing we have got so nigh the Enemy, representing to them the small number of regulars I have (not above 1200 men) and how unequal to such a task, But as all their troops are only engaged to the begining of Decembers, I dread the dilatory procedures of their Assemblys will not answers my peremptory Demands of their Aid, at this perplexing juncture for me.

I cannot form any judgment how I am to extricate myself as everything depends upon the weather which snows and rains frightfully, but I shall do myself the honours of writing you every step I take, which to the Utmost of my weak abilities, shall be for the best.

I have this moment an Express from the treaty with the Ohio Indians at Easton,

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who have promised to join us, but require time, a thing at present so precious to me, that I have none to spare, and must in a day or two choose either to risque every thing, and march to the Enemys Fort, retreat across the Alleganey if the provincialls leave me, or mantain myself where I am to the Spring.

I have the honour to be with the greatest regard & Esteem

Sir

Yr most obedt &

most humle Servt.

Jo fforbes.

Camp Top of the Allegany Mountains October 27th

Most of the above letter was wrote some days ago, but finding the weather did not mend, I thought it necessary to march forward, to be ready to embrace the first opportunity.

Rt. Honble Wm Pitt Esqr

Endorsed Raes Town. Octr 20th 1758. / Brigr Genl Forbes / R/ Janry 19th

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Pittsbourgh 27th Novemr 1758

Sir

I do myself the honour of acquainting you that it has pleased God to crown His Majes=tys Arms with success over all His Enemies upon the Ohio, by my having obliged the Enemy to burn and abandon Fort Du Quesnes, which they ef=fectuated on the 25th, and of which I took pos=session next day, the Enemy having made their escape down the River towards the Mississippi in their Boats, being abandoned by their Indians, whom I had previously engaged to leave them, and who now seem all willing and ready to implore His Majestys most Gracious Protection. - So give me leave to congratulate you upon this great Event, of having totally expelled the French from this prodigious tract of Country, and of having reconciled the various tribes of Indians inhabiting it to His Majesty's Government.

It would be too tedious for a letter to enter into the detail how this affair has been brought to a conclusion, I have therefore thought it proper and necessary to send over to you Brigade Major Halkett whose serving with me all this Campaign, and knowing from whence Events arose will be able to give you a true & succinct account

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of the whole affair from the begining, I beg to recommend that Gentleman to your protection, whose zeal and abilities in the Service have been particularly distinguished, not only in this but in every preceding Campaign from the begin-ing of the War in this Country, and whose father Sr Peter Halkett lost his life at the Monongahela under Genll Braddock.

I should have carried the troops up the River to the Lake Erie, and destroyed the French posts at Venango and Presque Isle, but the season of the year, and the scarcity of my provisions does by no means admitt of it, this last inconveniance (being obliged to carry every bit of my provisions for man and horse for betwixt 3 & 400 miles thro' almost impracticable roads and mountains) renders it extreamly difficult for me to leave a sufficient Garrison here for the protection of this Country, as all manner of Communication with the inhabited parts of the provinces will be cut off during the Winter for at least four months, notwithstanding that I have built Forts, and Erected posts at proper distances, to have kept the Communication open if possible.

Altho' that I have made frequent applications not only to the Commander in chief of His Majestys Forces for his orders, and Instructions who indeed very

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rightly told me that as I was upon the spot I therefore might be the best judge of what was to be done and indeed judging at 5 or 600 miles distance or keeping up a Correspondence was Difficult but likewise to the Governours of the adjacent Colonies and provinces for their advice and Councill how I was to behave myself in case that I was so for=tunate as to render myself Master of Fort Du Quesne, and the Country of the Ohio, yet I have never been favoured with any of their sentiments upon that subject, except in one letter from the Lieut. Governt. of Virginia, wherein he tells me that his Assembly and Councill would not venture to give any opinion, but at the same time acquaints me that they had addressed him to recall their troops by the first day of decemr. therefore having been left to act intirely from my own judgement hitherto, I must beg His Majesties Indulgence that He would be Graciously pleased to attribute my faults or omissions that I may have made, to my want of greater abilities and not to want of Zeal for His Majestys Service, which I shall ever think my duty to exert to the utmost of my powers.

As thus you see Sir that I am without Advice or Orders, and that I very soon run a risque of being without troops if Pennsilvania recalled

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theirs as well as Virginia, I shall soon be greatly difficulted how to mantain our new conquest should the Enemy return. as I will have only 4 Companies of the Royal Americans and Col^o Montgomerys young Battalion to depend upon, both greatly impaired as to numbers by their frequent skirmishes with the Enemy during the Campaign.

This far I had wrote at Fort Du Quesne upon the 27th Novem^r since which time I have never, either been able to write, or capable to dictate a letter, but as Gen^ll Amherst acquainted me that he had sent to you my letter with the Accounts of my taking the place, I was the less anxious of send=ing of Major Halkett, but now dreading my silence may have some wrong construction put upon it, which when the true cause is unknown it will very well bear, I now send you the Major who must give you the best Accounts he can, untill I am able to write more circumstantially, which I hope will be by the first Packett, Altho my physitians and all our Hospital people unanimously agree that I must go directly for England for to save my life, I must therefore beg it as the greatest favour that you will be so good as to move His Majesty to be graciously pleased to give me his leave of returning home as soon as I possibly can in order

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to reestablish my health, which at present renders me incapable of any services, or doing any duty whatever.

I must likewise take the boldness, to beg your countenances and protection with His Majesty of having me restored to my rank which is one Day antecedent to Genll. Amherst as Lieut. Col. — Had I ever committed any fault, or been guilty of any misdemeanor in the services, I should be now ashamed of making this Application to you, but the having so many peoples put over my head, without my being sensible of any faux pas committed, has made and still makes the deepest impression on my mind. If Lord Ligonier pleases to let you know the hardness of my case, I flatter myself with the protection and service of Mr. Pitt, to restore me to Peace of mind.

I have used the freedom of giving your name to Fort Du Quesne, as I hope it was in some measure, the being actuated by your spirits that now makes us masters of the place. Nor could I help using the same freedom in the naming of two other Forts that I built (Plans of which I send you) the one Fort Ligonier & the other Bedford, I hope the name fathers will take them under their protection, In which case

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those Dreary deserts, will soon be the richest and most fertile of any possest by the Brittish in No. America. I have the honour to be with great regard and Esteem

Sir

Your most obedt &
most humle Servt
Jo: ffforbes

Philadelphia 21st January 1759

Rt. Honble. Wm. Pitt

Endorsed, Pittsbourgh Nov. 27. & Jan. | 21st. 1759 | Genl. Forbes | R/ March 11th.

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Sir

Having received the honor of the Kings Instructions, of the 8 instant, for fitting, with the utmost expedition, the Squadron which His Majesty has directed to be put under my Command, and for proceeding with such part of it as is now in England, to Lewisburg, so as to be at that place, as near as may be, at or about the End of April; I am to beg you will be pleased to assure His Majesty that I will not lose a moments time in carrying the said Instructions into execution. I am with the greatest respect

Sir

Your Most Obedient
and most humble Servt.
Chas Saunders

Spring Garden
9 Jan^ry 1759

Endorsed Jan^ry 9th 1759. / Rear Adm^l Saunders.

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22d January 1759.

Sir,

I have the Favor of Your Letter of the 20th instant, signifying to me his Majty Pleasure, that in Case the Disposition of Arms, Tents &c. &c. directed by Your Letter of the 12th instant, cannot be made in the Downes, or at Spithead, without causing the least Delay to the Sailing either of the Ordnance Vessels, or of the Transports for New York, I am to forbear making the said Disposition in Europe, but direct the Ordnance Vessels, as well as the Transports, to proceed, with all possible Expedition, to New York, at which Place I am to Order the Arms, Tents &c. &c. mentioned in an inclosed List, to be separated and taken out with as little Loss of time as may be, and deliver'd to Major General Amherst, or the Person he shall appoint to receive the same, after which the Ordnance Vessels are to continue their Voyage to Louisburgh under such Convoy as shall be judged Proper.

I am to acquaint You that I have given the Necessary Orders thereupon, and that I am, with great Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Chas. Saunders.

Rt. Hon: Wm. Pitt Esq &c.

Endorsed Jan.ry 22: 1759 / Rear Adl. Saunders.

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Sir

As it is very probable that several small Ships and Vessels of the Enemy, with Provisions and Stores, may put into many of the small Creeks and Bays, along the Coasts of the River St. Laurence, where no Ship of War durst Venture; I beg Leave to submit it to Your Consideration, whether two or three large Folk-stone Cutters, armed, might not be very serviceable in searching those places as we pass by, which, from the Nature of those Boats they are better able to do, than any other small Vessels. I apprehend they will be farther very usefull, when the Fleet is obliged to turn up thro' Narrow Channels.

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect
Sir,
Your most Obedient humble
Servant
Chas. Saunders

26 Janry 1759

Rt. Honble. Wm. Pitt Esqr.

Endorsed Jany. 26th. 1759. / Rear Adl. Saunders.

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Sir.

I have just now received Your Letter of the 12th instant, by a Messenger; communicating to me his Majesty's Pleasure for my detaching to Gibraltar his Majesty's Ships Terrible of 74 Guns and Trident of 64 Guns, as soon as they have reached a proper Latitude for that purpose and to Execute the same with all Possible Secrecy. —

As the Wind came Easterly in the Night, the Ships abovementioned, being two of those that are to proceed with Rear Admiral Holmes, are with him and the Transports getting under Sail, and I fear it will not be possible to give them their Orders, and send two more Ships with Rear Admiral Holmes, without retarding the Sailing of the Transports; I therefore propose to order the Warspite of 74 Guns, and the Intrepid of 60 Guns to proceed to Gibraltar in their Stead, whom I will detach from me, in the Manner his Majesty has directed

The Sterling Castle of 64 Guns, being a very small Ship of her Rate, and very handy, on that Account, for working in Rivers, or Narrow Channels, I have rather chose to keep her with me, and to send the Intrepid, which is submitted to Your Approbation. —

I have the honor to be, with great Respect,

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Sir,

Your most Obedient humb.
Servant
Chas. Saunders.

13 febry 1759
Wind E N E

P. S:

If the Wind continues I think nothing will prevent my Sailing on Thursday next.
Chas. Saunders.

Rt. Hon: Wm. Pitt Esq &c

Endorsed Portsmouth. Febry. 13th. 1759 / Rear Adml. Saunders / Re 14th. by Walker.

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Sir

Northumberland
Terrible.
Trident.
Somerset.
Vestal.
Diana
Brent
Sea Horse

On the 14th. past. I sailed from St Helens, with His Majestys Squadron mentioned in the Margin; having 59 Transports & 7 Ordnance Vessels under my Convoy for North America Making in All, 74 Sail.

x In Latitude 43° 38' N Start N 53° W. 218 Leagues.

The Passage was promising, & the Fleet well keep'd together till the 25th having Numbered 70 Sail on the 24th x

On the 25th. At half past 5 in the Morning, it began to blow very hard At SW to W; upon which I made the Signal and brought to with the Fleet. Soon after, the Somerset had her Main and Mizen Topmasts blown away, without Any Sail Set. – Towards Evening, the Wind Abated; but the Sea continued high, and the Ships laboured very Much.

On the two following Days, I endeavoured to bring together the dispersed Squadron and Fleet; And At last found in Company, the Terrible, Trident, Somerset, Sea Horse, And 46 of the Ships under Convoy.

The Trident, has lost her Main Mast, Fore top mast, and Sprung her Fore Mast; And the Sea Horse, has lost her Mizen Mast, And Main-top-Mast. All the 46 Merchant Ships have their Masts Standing, except two; One of which has lost

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her Main-Mast And foreMast, the Other, only the Head of her foreMast.

On the 28th there was a thick Fogg, Which made Me Apprehensive that those I had got togeth-er, would have been Again Seperated from Me; but yesterday proving clear, I got them pretty well Assembled, And Muster this Day 53 Sail in All, including the Men of War.

The Trident, being in very ill Condition, and having her Coppers so loose, that She cannot dress Victuals for the people; I have Sent her to Lisbon, or Gibralter, Which ever of those Ports She can Soonest Make; in Order to Refit, and join Me At Halifax as soon as possible: And have directed her to Assist the dismasted Trans-port Above mentioned.

I proceed with His Majestys Ships Terrible, Somerset, and Sea Horse, to Convoy the Trans-ports that are with Me, to the Coast of New York. We make in All, 51 Sail, exclusive of the Trident and dismasted Transport.

From what I have seen of the Transports that are with Me, I Apprehend those which have been Seperated, May be in tolerable good Condition, And Able to Proceed on the Voyage.

I dispatched the Diana to New York, upon

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the 18th past; to get every thing Ready Against the Arrival of the Transports.

The Accidents Which have happened, Sir, are in no Degree equall to What might have been Expected from So Severe a Gale; Which Makes Me think we are very ffortunate upon the Whole. But, As I Shall Always take great Pleasure in being punctual in Communicating to You, whatever may fall Within My Sphere of Duty and Command; I hope I may hereafter be happy enough to have Subjects to write upon, Whose Merit May render My Correspondence More Agreable than the present.

I have the Honour to be With great Esteem and Respect, Sir,

Your most Obedient and

Most humble Servant

Chas Holmes.

Somerset at Sea

2d March 1759

In Latitude of 40° 44' N }
Start N 34° E. 230 Leagues }

The Right Honble William Pitt

One of His Majestys principal Secretarys of State

Endorsed Somerset at Sea 2d / March 1759 /

Admiral Holmes / Rx 1st April.

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Sir,

As I am now detaching his Majesty's Ship Lizard, to New York, to assist in forwarding the Embarcation of the Troops, and convoying them to Louisburg, it gives me this Opportunity of acquainting You, for his Majesty's Information, that I am now in the Latitude of 46°. 30' N°. and 11, Degrees West Longitude, from the Lizard; and that I intend, to-morrow or next Day, to send to Admiral Durell, to enforce the absolute Necessity there is, for his being very early in the River St. Lawrence.

As that Part of the Squadron which winter'd in America, must be short of their Compliment of Seamen; I have wrote, by the Lizard, to the Governors of New York & Massachuset's Bay, to desire they will raise what Men they can, for the Squadron under my Command; a Copy of which Letters I send You herewith enclosed, and hope his Majesty will approve thereof.

By the Time of my Arrival at Louisburg, or soon after, I hope to have a full Account from Capt. Hood, who commands the Ships that are to convoy the Troops thither, of the Situation and forwardness he is in; I shall likewise expect the same from Admiral Durell; And I beg You will assure his Majesty, that I will my self.

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with the Transports, be in the River, as soon as Possible, in order to put my Instructions into farther Execution.

On the 28th Ulto, being in the Latitude of 46° 00' No and 6 degrees Longitude West, from the Lizard, His Majesty's Ships Intrepid and Warspight, parted Company by Signal, under Orders to proceed, with all possible Expedition to Gibraltar; and in the Night, having strong Gales, with thick hazy Weather, his Majesty's Ship Dublin, with three of the Victuallers, two Transports, and a Bomb Tender, lost Company, but I have no Doubt of their getting safe to America

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Chas Saunders.

Neptune, 10th March 1759

Rt. Hon: Wm Pitt Esq &c &c.

Endorsed Neptune. March 10th 1759 / V: Adml Saunders. /
Rd May 18th

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Copy of a Letter, sent to James Delancey Esqr Lieutent Governor of New York, and to Thomas Pownall Esqr Governor of Massachusets Bay, from Vice Admiral Saunders, dated 10 March 1759.

Sir,

The King having honored me with the Command of a Squadron of his Majesty's Ships to be employ'd in North America and to act in Conjunction with the Land Forces there, I trouble You with this, to acquaint You of my now being near the Western Islands in my Way to Louisbourg, and as the Fleet, and part of the Army in North America, will proceed early up the River St Lawrence to Quebec, and consequently stand in need of frequent Supplies of all kinds of Refreshments, I must beg you will make it known to the people of your Province, that such of them as are willing to bring us any Supplies, shall not, on any account, have their Men taken from them, or detained: And for their further Encouragement, some Frigates will be always cruizing at the Mouth of the River, from whom they will receive all the Protection & Intelligence that may be needfull for them.

But notwithstanding the above Promise I have given, not to take any Men from those Vessels that

supply the Fleet and Army with Refreshments; Yet his Majesty's Ships will be in great Want of Sea=men particularly those that wintered in America and Mr Secretary Pitt having transmitted to me Copies of the several Letters he sent to the Governors of his Majesty's Provinces in North America, wherein they are desired to send me Intelligence, and use all legal Methods to raise such a Number of Seamen, from time to time, as may be wanted to recruit the Ships, I must therefore desire You will regularly communicate to me, all such Intelligence as shall come to Your Knowledge, necessary for me to be acquainted with; And that You will use all legal Methods to supply the Fleet with as many Seamen as you can possibly Procure, which may be sent in the Transports or the Ships of War that convoy them; such Men as can afterwards be raised, may be sent, from time to time, in such Vessels as may be coming from Your Province, to the Fleet, And if any Vol=unteer Seamen, or ablebodied Landsman can be raised, who wou'd serve for the ensuing Season, on Condition of being left in America, when the Fleet returns to Europe; Any such Conditions shall be complied with.

In Case any Naval Assistance shall be

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wanted for the Protection of your Government, On Your applying to me, I will send You such as I may be able to do, consistent with the Service with which I am charged, by his Majesty's Instru-tions.

If You can send me any Pilots for the River S^t. Laurence, they shall be well paid, and I shall be greatly obliged to You for them, and am

Sir

&c &c

A Copy

Chas Saunders

Endorsed in V: A: Saunders's of March /10th 1759.

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Duplicate

Sir

On the Tenth of March last I detatched his Majesty's Ship Lizard to New York, to assist in, & hasten the Embarcation of the Troops from thence, and by that Opportunity, wrote You an Account of my Proceedings to that time, which I hope You have received.

On the 21st I sent the Cormorant Fire-Ship to Halifax, with Duplicates of Admiral Durell's Orders and to press his Proceeding to Sea, with all possible Dispatch and on the 26th his Majesty's Ship Dublin, with one of the Victuallers, and one of the Transports, that lost Company the 26th of Febry, rejoyned the Fleet.

We met with contrary Winds, and several hard Gales to the 17th of April, when the Cormorant Fire-Ship rejoyned us, having made no Land but the Isle of Sable: I ordered her to proceed to Halifax, and take with her three of the Victuallers, that if Admiral Durell should happen to want any Provisions, he might be supplied from them, and I proceeded myself for Louisburg, but on the 21st was stopt by a Body of Ice, which I tried for the space of 20 Leag.s to get thro' but found it impracticable nor could I, or any of my small Ships find an Opening

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to get between that and the Land, which I endeavour-ed to do, till the 29th when meeting with some New England small Vessels bound to Louisburg, who had given up all hopes of getting thither, and had bore up for some Port to the Westward. And the Wind being at this time, very fresh Easterly, with much Snow, & hard Frost; and judging from what I had myself seen, as well as from the Reports of all the Vessels I spoke with that it wou'd not be possible in Ten Days at least, to get into Louisburg I thought it best for his Majesty's Service, to bear up for this place, where I anchored the 30th, and found Admiral Durell with the Ships named in the Margin Un-moored and ready to Sail; He waits only for a Wind and I hope will Sail tomorrow. He has on board his Squadron 400 of the Troops with their Officers, to make their Complements, and General Wolfe has sent with him 250 more, in three Transports under the Command of Colonel Carleton, to co-operate with Admiral Durell, in any Service that may be thought practicable before our joyn-ing them.

Prst. Amelia
Vanguard
Fracide
Devonshire
Captain
Pembroke
Centurion
Pr. of Orange
Crown
Squirrel
Hunter Sloop
Cormorant
Pelican
Baltimore

The Sutherland with the Porcupine Sloop, are Cruizing in the Gut of Canso, but I have Ordered

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them to proceed with, or to follow Admiral Durell: The Bedford and Pr: Frederick are in Louisburg Harbor, for which place a Sloop will Sail tomorrow, with Provisions and Caulkers to Refitt them, and a New Bowsprit for the Pr: Frederick, and with Orders for them to follow Adml. Durell; and if they should not be soon able to do so, I will send two of the Ships with me, when ready, in their Room.

I shall refit and Water my Ships here, and if the Transports from New York arrive while that is doing, I shall carry them with me to Louisburg; if not, I shall leave Orders for them to follow me, with the utmost Expedition.

Admiral Holmes is not yet arrived, I hope to see him in a few days, or before I Sail, if not, I shall leave Directions for him to refitt with all possible Dispatch, and proceed after Adml. Durell.

I have had no Intelligence of the Enemy since I left England, but it is reported here from New England that Monsr. Bompart is arrived at Martinico with Ten Sail of the Line & two Frigates.

An Officer of the Artillery, who is Ordered to his Duty in England, is waiting

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while I write: I shall send a Vessel home from Louisburg, on my Sailing from thence

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Chas. Saunders

Neptune, in Halifax Harb.
1st of May 1759. –

Rt. Honble William Pitt Esqr. &c. &c.

Endorsed Neptune, Halifax Harbour / May 1st 1759. / V. Adml. Saunders. / Rx July 2d by Capt. Campbell.

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Sir

On the 1st Ulto. I wrote to You in some hurry by an Officer of Artillery going to England from Halifax, and omitted to acquaint You therein, that besides his Majesty's Ships mentioned in my said Letter, I found riding there, the Richmond and Lowestoffe, the former of which had arrived from Plymouth the 14th, and the latter from Virginia, the 20th of April last, the Lowestoffe had been 24 hours on Shore, 4 Leags. SW from Bermudas, but making little or no Water, she went on to Halifax, where she has been hove down, and the Damage she received, found to be very inconsiderable.

Rear Admiral Durell sailed from Halifax the 5th Ulto. being detained till that time by contrary Winds: On the 12th all the Ships that went in with me being refitted I unmoored, and on the 13th sailed from Halifax with his Majesty's Ships named in the Margin, leaving the Lowestoffe & Hunter Sloop, to convoy to Louisburg, any Transports that might arrive, & the three Fire-Ships and Europa armed Vessel, to take in Troops, in case such Transports as did arrive in Time, were not sufficient to contain them. In my Passage out of the Harbor I was joined

Neptune
Royal William
Shrewsbury
Oxford
Dublin
Alcide
Sterling Castle
Medway
Pelican
Racehorse
Baltimore
Rodney Cutter

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by the Somerset (Rear Admiral Holmes) and the Terrible, both of which proceeded into the Harbor, with Orders to refit, and join me at Louisburg, with all possible Dispatch; The Rear Admiral shifted his Flag on board the Dublin, and proceeded with me to Louisburg, where we anchor'd the 15th Ulto.

During my Stay at Halifax, One Company of Rangers embark'd in two Schooners, & are sent to reinforce the Troops with Rear Admiral Durell, under Convoy of Capt Douglas of the Alcide, who, with the Sterling Castle, parted Company with me the 14th in Order to join him in the River St. Lawrence: As Mr Durell had no small Vessel with him, and none being arrived from the Continent, I thought it absolutely necessary to take into the Service, an Armed Schooner at Halifax, which seemed very Proper for the purpose, and have sent her to him also under the Alcide's Convoy; I have also found it needfull to take up a small Sloop at Louisburg. On my Arrival there I found his Majs Ship Northumberland (who had arrived the Day before I did) and the Bedford & Prince Frederick, the two latter, in a very bad Condition both as to Men, & Stores, but they sailed with me from Louisburg the fourth

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Neptune
Dublin
Bedford
Northumberld.
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Pr. Frederick
Diana
Trent
Hind
Lowestoffe
Hunter Sep
Cormorant
Vesuvius
Strombolo
Pelican
Racehorse
Baltimore
Europa
Rodney Cutter

instant in Company with his Majesty's Ships named in the Margin and 119 Sail in Convoy, viz.t

English	Transports	34	
	Ordnance Vessels	7	
	Victuallers	4	
American	Ordnance Vessels	6	
	Transports, including Sloops & Schooners	68	
			119

Of the Remainder of the English Transports, seven are missing, there being Yet no Account of their Arrival in America; several of them are gone to Boston, for 300 Pioneers, Whale Boats, & other Necessary Stores, and several of them remain at New York, to repair the Damages they received in their Passage: His Majesty's Ships Scarborough and Sea-Horse are with them under Orders to join me with all possible Dispatch. The Transports now with me have all the Artillery & Troops on board them designed for the River St. Laurence except one Company of Rangers from the Bay of Fundy, & 40 of Bragg's Regiment, that are on the Island St. John's, who are all hourly expected from thence. —

I have Yet heard nothing of the Zephyr Sloop, (stationed at North Carolina) nor of the Eurus, that

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went to Grenock for Highlanders for Virginia, nor of the Scorpion Sloop, since she parted Company in my Passage out; with the Wine Vessels for Teneriffe; neither have the Terrible or Somerset yet joined me from Halifax, but I have expected them Daily for some time past; And by the Information of an English Transport that sailed from Lisbon with the Trident, and arrived at Louisburg some Days since, I am in hopes that Ship also will join me very soon: I have left Orders at Louisburg for them all to follow me up the River with the utmost Dispatch.

On the 17th Ult. the first of the Troops and Provincials, arrived at Louisburg from New York, under Convoy of the Lizard and Trent; Those from Boston, the Bay of Fundy, and Halifax were off the Harbor a few Days after them, but by the vast quantity of Ice surrounding the Harbor, with constant thick Fogs, they were prevented getting in (the greater part of them) for ten Days at least; On the 27th the Harbor was so intirely filled up with Ice, that for several Days, it was not Practicable for Boats to pass; This Severity of the Winter has greatly retarded our Sailing from Louisburg, and has, by much, exceeded any that can be remember'd by the Oldest Inhabitants of this part of the World. —

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I have stationed the Lizard at the Entrance of the River St. Laurence, between the N.W. End of the Island Anticosti, & the Southern Shore, and shall, as soon as I am able, station another Frigate between Anticosti and the Northern Shore; I likewise sent the Nightingale to craize, between Cape North & Cape Ray, and the Bird Islands who returned very leaky, as I was getting under sail, having met with great Quantities of Ice, but spoke with nothing in her Cruize; I have left her at Louisburg, with Orders to be ready to sail at a Moments Warning, and I intend to send her to England with these Dispatches, which I shall send in to her, by an Armed Vessel.

Governor Pownall has supplied the Fleet with 240 Men from Boston, which has been of great Service to the Ships that were weakly handed, but, by his Contract with them they must be left behind in America

There are still at Louisburg a Number of French Prisoners & Inhabitants, that have been maintained at great Expence, and taken up much Room in the Hospitals, that has been wanted for our own People, I have therefore ordered one of the Victuallers, which I have discharged of her Provisions, to take in such of them as Governor

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Whitmore shall appoint, and carry them to France, taking from thence, such English Prisoners in their Room as he shall be able to obtain. —

The Alcide, in her Passage to the Gulph of St Laurence, has taken a French Ship of 280 Tuns, from Rochelle, laden, chiefly, with Military Stores, & Clothing for the French Troops in Canada; I have not the least Information from her, or from any other Quarter, of the Ships or Motions of the Enemy.

I am now off the Island of Scatari, and standing for the Gulph of St Laurence with the Wind at West, The whole Number of Transports not having been able to get out to me, 'till this Morning.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect;

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Chas. Saunders

Neptune off Scatari
6th of June 1759.

P. S. - Since I signed the above, Capt Carpenter of the Baltimore informs me, he has spoke with one of Capt Smith's Convoy (the Seahorse) from New York, who parted Company with the rest, 25 Leagues to

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the Westward of Louisburg; so I am in hopes they will join me to morrow.

Endorsed Neptune of Scatari / June 6. 1759 / V. Adml. Saunders. / R, July 2. by Capt. Campbell.

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Sir,

I had the honour to write you, under the 2d of March, giving an Account of the Gale of Wind on the 25th February, and my having sent the Trident to Lisbon to Refit &ca.

On the 4th March, it being Calm, I directed the Agent of the Transports to Enquire what Ships had parted Company; and his Report, upon that Occasion, you have herewith inclosed.

I had then with Me, 51 Transports; one of which, the Hannah, mentioned in My said Letter, parted Company in the Night, between the 22d and 23d of said March. But I have no doubt of her getting safe to New york, being then in Latitude 20°: 30' N. Madeira bearing N54°: 45' E. 422 Leagues, and no appearance of an Enemy upon the Sea. The Remaining 50 Transports are with Me.

I fell in this Morning with His Majestys Ship Scarborrow, whom I have Ordered in to Newyork, to have Pilots in Readiness for the Transports, And to carry in this And My Other Dispatches.

We Reckon ourselves, at this time, 62 Leagues from the Harbours Mouth When I come off the Harbour, I Shall leave the Transports, and go

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on with the Six Remaining Ordnance Vessels for Halifax.

I have the honour to be with great Esteem & Respect,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient &
Most humble Servant
Chas Holmes

Somerset at Sea
21st April 1759

The Right Honle Wm Pitt
One of His Majestys
Principal Secretarys of State.

Endorsed Somersets at Sea. April 21st 1759. / Rear Admr Holmes / Rx July 23d

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Report of the Condition of His Majesty's Ship Northumberland; and of Ships seen since the Gale of the 25th of February last; made from the Information of Masters of Transports that are in Company: And a List of Transports that have parted Company; and what they have on board &c.

Reported on the 4th of March 1759.

George Burton, Master of the Transport, Hero, informs that about 6 o'clock of the Morning of the 25th past, he saw His Majty's Ship Northumberland with her Head to the Northward and her Main and Fore Sails split to pieces.

Joseph Hornby, Master of the Transport, Maria informs that on the day after the Gale, being the 26th past he saw the Northumberland going before the Wind having lost all her Masts. And saw a Catt likewise going before the Wind, and in the same Condition.

Joseph Grundell Master of the Transport Unanimity informs that he saw the Transport Dragon, without her Main and Mizen Masts; and believes she bore away for England.

Francis Richardson, Master of the Transport John and Jane, informs that, the day after the Gale he saw a Ship in Distress with her Main top Mast gone.

Francis Jefferson Master of the Transport Rachael, informs that, on the Day after the Gale of Wind, he saw the Charming Polly in great Distress: and that she bore away for Lisbon both Pumps going.

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The Transport Mary is in Company, but has lost her Mizen Mast.

Richard Morrison, Master of the Transport Ward, informs that, On the Day after the Gale he saw a Ship, which he judged to be a French Frigate, she had lost her Masts was going before the Wind, and hoisted Danish Colours.

William Armstrong Master of the Transport Brotherly Love confirms this.

The Transport Hannah is in Company, but has lost the Head of his Fore Mast, and sheet Anchor.

List of Transports that are known to be Absent and

Ships Names	Flat bottom'd Boats	Cutters	Beds	Brandy Gallons	Medicines: Chests	Medicines: Casks	Camp Necessaries parcels	Other Stores and
Fortune's Industry	...	1..	144..	567	...	...	...	On board 1 Woman
Charming Polly	...	1..	...	479	...	...	...	...
Elizabeth	...	...		858	...	...	...	...
Dragon	1..	...	206	804	...	...	...	...
Diamond	1..	...	210	828	...	...	22	...
Eden Mary	...	1..	210	806	...	...	22	...
Felicity	...	1..	164	614	...	...	...	...
Hopewell (1)	1..	...	254	890	...	...	...	...
Jane	...	1..	182	653	...	...	...	...
James & Henrietta	1..	...	238	874	...	...	22	...
Lyon	1..	...	260	985	...	...	...	...
Prince of Wales	1..	1..	287	1135	15	3	...	...
Two Brothers	...	1..	188	739	...	...	...	...
Three Sisters	1..	1..	264	994	...	...	...	66 of the Regiment of ..
Ruby	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ordnance Vessel with Ordnance

To

Charles Holmes Esqr Rear Admiral of the Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet

Endorsed in R. A. Holmes's of April 21st/1759.

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The Transport Hannah is in Company, but has lost the Head of his Fore Mast, & Sheet Anchor.

what they have on Board	
Persons on Board	Where Gone
and 4 Children belonging to America.	Ran on board the Sea Horse before the Gale of Wind and has not join'd since.
. . . .	Gone for Lisbon.
. . . .	Gone for England.
. . . .	
. . . .	These Eleven Transports were seperated in the Gale, but their Condition and Course since is unknown
. . . .	Signed Dav^d. Pryce
Artillery with Stores Stores	Agent for the Transports.

Blue } For

The Right Honble. William Pitt.

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Duplicate

Sir,

In my Letter of the 6th of June last, I acquainted You I was then off Scatari, standing for the River St Lawrence: On the 26th I had got up with the first Division of the Fleet & Transports, as far as the middle of the Isle of Orleans, when I immediately prepared to land them there, which I did the next morning: The same Day the second & Third Divisions came up & landed likewise: I got thus far without any Loss or Accident whatever, but directly after landing the Troops, a very hard Gale of Wind came on, by which many Anchors and small Boats were lost, and much damage received among the Transports by their running on board each other: The Ships that lost most Anchors I supplied from the Men of War, as far as I was able, & in all other Respects gave them the best Assistance in my Power.

On the 28th at Midnight, the Enemy sent down from Quebec, seven Fire-Ships, And tho our Ships & Transports were so Numerous, & necessarily spread so great a Part of the Channel we towed them all clear & aground, without receiving the least Damage from them. The next Night General Monckton crossed the River, & landed with his Brigade on

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the South Shore, & took Post at Point Levi; and General Wolfe took his on the Westermost point of the Isle of Orleans. —

On the 1st of July I moved up between the Points of Orleans & Levi; And it being resolved, a few Days afterwards, to land on the North Shore, just below the Falls of Montmorenci, on the 8th I placed his Majesty's Sloop the Porcupine, & the Boscawen armed Vessel in the Channel between Orleans & the North Shore, to cover that Landing, which took place that Night

On the 17th I ordered Capt Rous of the Sutherland to proceed with the first Night Tide & fair Wind, above the Town, & to take with him his Majesty's Ships Diana & Squirrel with two armed Sloops & two Catts armed, & loaded with Provisions: These Ships gave General Wolfe an Opportunity to reconnoitre above the Town, & they carried Troops for that Purpose: On the 18th at Night they all got up, but the Diana, who run on the Rocks by Point Levi, & received so much Damage, that I sent her to Boston, with 27 Sail of American Transports (of those that receiv'd most Damage in the Gale of Wind of the 27th of June) where they are to be discharg'd and the Diana, having repaired her Damages is to proceed to England, taking with her the Mast Ships, and what Trade may be ready to accompany her —

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On the 28th at Night the Enemy sent down a Raft of Fire-Stages, of near a hundred Radeaux, which succeeded no better than the Fire-Ships.

On the 31st Genl Wolfe determined to land a Number of Troops above the falls of Montmorenci in Order to attack the Enemy's Lines; to cover which I placed the Centurion in the Channel between the Isle of Orleans & the Falls, and ran two Catts I had armed for that Purpose, on Shore at high Water against two small Batteries & two Redoubts, where our Troops were to land; About 6 at Night they landed, but the General not thinking it proper to persevere in the Attack, Part of them reembarked, & the rest, with General Wolfe crossed the Falls to our Camp. Upon which, to prevent the two Catts from falling into the Enemys Hands, they being then dry on Shore, I gave Orders to take the Men out and set them on fire, which was accordingly done.

On the 5th of August in the Night, I sent twenty flat bottomed Boats up the River to the Sutherland, to embark twelve hundred & Sixty of the Troops, from a post we had taken on the South Shore, to which they were to march under the Command of Brigadr General Murray, I sent Admiral Holmes up with him by Land to go on board the Sutherland, to act in Concert with him, & give him all the Assistance the

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Ships & Boats could afford; I likewise order'd Adm^l Holmes to endeavor to get at and destroy the Enemy's Ships above the Town; and to that Purpose I order'd the Lowestoffe & Hunter Sloop, with two armed Sloops & two Catts with Provisions to pass Quebec & join the Sutherland, but the Winds being Westerly it was the 27th before they got up, which was the fourth Attempt they had made to gain their Passage.

On the 25th at Night, Admiral Holmes & General Murray, with Part of the Troops returned; They had met with & destroyed a Magazine of the Enemy's Cloathing, some Gunpowder & other things; And Admiral Holmes had been ten or twelve Leagues up the River, but found it impracticable at that time to get farther up.

General Wolfe having resolved to quit the Camp at Montmorenci, & go above the Town, in hopes of getting between the Enemy and their Provisions, supposed to be in the Ships there, and by that Means force them to an Action; on the 29th at Night, I sent up the Seahorse & two armed Sloops with two Catts laden with Provisions to join the Rest above Quebec; and having taken off the Artillery from the Camp of Montmorenci On the 3^d, in the Forenoon, the Troops all embarked from thence

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& landed at Point Levi. The 4th at Night, I sent all the flat bottomed Boats up, and this Night a part of the Troops march up the South Shore above the Town & are to be embarked in the Ships and Vessels there, and to Morrow Night the rest will follow, And Admiral Holmes is again gone with them to assist in their future Operations, and to try, if, with the Assistance of the Troops it is Practicable to get at the Enemy's Ships.

Yesterday I received a Letter from General Amherst (to whom I have had no Opportunity of writing since I came into the River) Dated Camp of Crown Point, August 7th wherein he only desires I would send Transports and a Convoy to New York, to carry to England Six hundred & seven Prisoners taken at the Surrender of Niagara.—

As General Wolfe writes by this Opportunity he will give You an Account of his Part of the Operations, and his thoughts of what further may be done for his Majesty's Service. The Enemy appear Numerous & seem to be strongly posted, but let the Event be what it will, we shall remain here as long as the Season of the Year will permit, to prevent their detaching Troops from hence against General Amherst, and I shall leave

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Cruizers at the Mouth of the River to cut off any Supplies that may be sent them, and with strict Orders to keep that Station as long as possible. The Town of Quebec is not habitable, being almost entirely burnt and destroyed.

Twenty of the Victuallers that came out of England with the Echo, are arrived here, one unloaded at Louisburg having received Damage on her Passage out, and another has not been heard of here.

I have no Intelligence of any of the Enemies Ships having come this Way, since my Arrival in the River, except one from Bourdeaux loaded with Flour & Brandy which was taken by Capt Doake of the Lizard.

Before Admiral Durell got into the River, three Frigates & seventeen Sail with Provisions, Stores, & a few Recruits got up, and are those we are so anxious if Possible to destroy.

I shoud sooner have wrote to You from hence, but while my Dispatches were preparing General Wolfe was taken very ill, he has been better since, but is still greatly out of Order.

I inclose You the Present Disposition of the Fleet under my Command: I shall very soon send home the great Ships, and have the

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honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

Sir

Your most Obedient
& most humble Servant
Chas. Saunders.

Sterling Castle, off
Point Levi.

Endorsed Septr. 5. 1759 / V. Adml. Saunders / Dupe.

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Disposition of his Majesty's Ships in North America
5th. September 1759. —

Sutherland ——	Above Quebec
Squirrel ——	
Lowestoffe ——	
Sea horse ——	
Hunter Sloop ——	
Sterling Castle ——	Off Point Levi
Dublin ——	
Shrewsbury ——	
Alcide ——	
Vanguard ——	
Centurion ——	
Captain ——	
Medway ——	
Pembroke ——	
Trident ——	
Richmond ——	
Scorpion ——	
Racehorse ——	
Pelican ——	
Vesuvius ——	
Trent ——	To reconnoitre the No. Shore of the River; to proceed along the Coast of America to So. Caro-lina & from thence with the Trade to England.

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Scarborough —— To examine the No. Shore of the River to Mingan, then to Gaspee Bay & return.

Echo —— To examine the No. Shore, thro the Streights of Bel-Isle to Fort Labrador & return

Zephyr Sloop ——
Baltimore Bt ——
} Protecting some small Vessels, along the South Shore, who are gone with Troops to destroy the Country.

Cerus —— At the Camoras q Islands, to assist & re-imbark the above Party

Porcupine —— In the Channel between Isle Orleans & the No. Shore.

Prince Frederick ——
Bedford ——
} At Isle au Coudre.

Hind —— At the Isle of Bic

Lizard —— Cruizing betw.n Isle Anticoste & the No. Shore of the River.

Diana —— Gone to Boston to convoy the Mast Ships

Princess Amelia ——
Northumberland ——
Terrible ——
Devonshire ——
Oxford ——
Royal William ——
Somerset ——
Pr. Orange ——
Neptune ——
Cormorant ——
Stromboli ——
Fowey ——
} Off Isle Madame.

Adml. Durell is directed to station two of these Ships, between Cape Torment & the East End of Orleans

Cha: Saunders

Endorsed Dupt. / in V. A: Saunders's of / Sepr. 5. 1759

Sir.

I have the greatest Pleasure in acquainting You that the Town & Citadel of Quebec surrendered on the 18th instant, and I inclose You a Copy of the Articles of Capitulation. The Army took Possession of the Gates on the Land side, the same Evening, & sent safe-guards into the Town to preserve Order & to Prevent any thing being destroyed; & Captn Pallisser, with a Body of Seamen; landed in the Lower Town, & did the Same; The next Day our Army marched in, and near a thousand French Officers, Soldiers, & Seamen were embarked on board some English Catts, who shall soon proceed for France, agreable to the Capitulation.

I had the honor to write to You the 5th instant by the Rodney Cutter a Duplicate of which I inclose herewith; The Troops mentioned in that Letter, embarked on board the Ships & Vessels above the Town in the Night of the Sixth instant, and at 4 in the Morning of the 13th began to land on the North Shore; about a Mile & a half above the Town; General Montcalm with his whole Army left their Camps at Beauport and marched to meet him; a little before Ten both Armies were formed, & the Enemy

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began the Attack; Our Troops received their Fire and reserved the Own, Advancing till they were so near as to run in upon them & push them with their Bayonets, by which, in a very little Time, the French gave way, and fled to the Town in the utmost Disorder & with great Loss, for our Troops pursued them quite to their Walls, & killed many of them upon the Glacis & in the Ditch, and if the Town had been further off, the whole French Army must have been destroyed, about 250 French Prisoners were taken that Day among whom are Ten Captains & six subaltern Officers, all of whom will go in the great Ships to England. —

I am sorry to acquaint You that General Wolfe was killed in the Action, and General Monckton shot thro' the Body, but he is now supposed to be out of Danger. General Montcalm, and the 3 next French Officers in Command were killed, but I must refer You to General Townshend (who writes by this Opportunity) for the Particulars of this Action, the State of the Garrison & the Measures he is taking for keeping Possession of it: I am now beginning to send on Shore the Stores they will want, & Provisions for five thousand Men, of which I can furnish them with a sufficient Quantity.

The Night of their Landing, Admiral Holmes, with the Ships & Troops, was about three Leagues

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above the intended Landing Place; General Wolfe, with about half his Troops, set off in Boats & dropped down with the Tide, and were, by that Means, less liable to be discovered, by the French Centinels posted all along the Coast; The Ships followed them about ¾ of an hour afterwards, and got to the Landing Place just in the Time that had been concerted to cover their Landing, and considering the Darkness of the Night & the Rapidity of the Current, this was a very Critical Operation, & very properly and successfully conducted. When General Wolfe and the Troops with him had landed, the Difficulty of gaining the Top of the Hill, is scarce credible; it was very steep in its Ascent, & high, and had no Path were two coud go abreast, but they were obliged to pull themselves up, by the Stumps & boughs of Trees that covered the Declivity.

Immediately after our Victory over their Troops, I sent up all the Boats in the Fleet with Artillery, and Ammunition, and on the 17th went up with the Men of War, in a Disposition to attack the lower Town, as soon as General Townshend shoud be ready to attack the Upper; but in the Evening they sent out to the Camp & offered Terms of Capitulation. -

I have the farther Pleasure of acquainting You

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that during this tedious Campaign, there has continued a perfect good understanding between the Army & Navy. I have receiv'd great Assistance from Admirals Durell and Holmes, and from all the Captains; indeed every body has exerted themselves in the Execution of their Duty; Even the Transports have willingly assisted me with Boats & People, on the landing the Troops & many other Services.

This will be delivered to You by Captain James Douglas, whom I send home in his Majesty's Ship Lowestoffe, and Admiral Durell will Sail with the great Ships, in two or three Days. I shall myself follow as soon as Possible, leaving at Halifax Lord Colvill in the Northumberland, with four more Ships of the Line, and two or three Frigates, with Orders, to come up here as early in the Spring as possible. I propose to appoint a Captain to the Northumberland under Lord Colvill, & to order his Lordship to hoist a Broad Pendant.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient

& most humble Servt.

Chas. Saunders.

Endorsed (Without Date) / V. Adml. Saunders / Re Octr. 16th. by Capt. / Douglas.

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Les Articles de la Capitulation de l'autre Coté ont été accordées sous les Conditions, et de la Maniere suivante, par Mon. Chal Saunders Admiral de l'Escadre bleüe de la Grande Bretagne, dont la Flotte est actuellement devant les Murs de Quebec, dans le Bassin de lad.te Ville.

(1)

La Garnison de la Ville composée de Troupes de Terres, Marines & Matelots, sortiront de la Ville avec Armes & Baggages, Tambour Battant, Mèches allumées, avec deux piece de Canon de France, et douze Coups a tirer par piece, et sera embarquée le plus commodement possible pour être mises en France, au premier Port. —

Articles de Capitulation demandés par M.r de Ramsay, Lieuten.t le Roy, commandant les haute & basse Ville de Quebec, Chevalier de l'Ordre Royal & Militaire de S.t Louis, à son Excellence Mons.r le General des Troupes de sa Maj.te Brit.que qui doit être approuvé par son Excell.ce Mons.r le Admiral de l'Escadre Bleüe actuellement devant Quebec.

Art. (1)

Mons.r de Ramsay demande les honneurs de la Guerre pour sa Garnison et qu'elle soit ramenée a l'Armée, par le plus court Chemin, avec Armes et Bagages, six pieces de Canon de fonte, deux Mortiers, ou Aubuziers, et douze Coups a tirer par piece —

(2)

Accordé, en Mettant les Armes bas

Art (2e)

Que les habitans soient conservées dans la Possessions de leurs Maisons, Biens, Effets & privileges.

(3)

Accordé.

Art (3e)

Que les habitans ne pourront etre recherchés pour avoir porté les Armes, a la Defense de la Ville, attendu qu'ils y ont été forcés, et que les habitans des Colonies des deux Couronnes y servent egalement comme miliciens.

(4)

Accordé

Art (4)

Qu'il ne sera touché aux Effets des Officiers et habitans absens

(5)

Accordé

Art (5)

Que les d.ts habitans ne seront point transferés ni tenus de quitter leurs Maisons, jusque au ce qu'un Traité definitif entre sa M. T. C. et S. M. B. aye reglé leur Etat.

(6)

Libre Exercise de la Religion

Art (6)

Que l'Excercise de la Religion

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Romaine, Sauve-gardes accordés a toutes personnes Religieuses, et sur tout a Mr. L'Eveque qui pourra venir exercer librement et avec decence les fonctions des son Etat, lorsque il jugera a propos jusque à ce que la Possession du Canada ait été decideé, entre sa Maj. Brit. & sa Maj. T. Chret.	Catholique, Apostolique & Romaine sera conservée; que l'on donnera des Sauve-gardes aux Maisons Ecclesiastiques, Religieux et Religieuses, et particulièrement à Mons. l'Eveque de Quebec, qui rempli de zele pour la Religion, et de sa Charité pour le peuple de son Diocese desire y rester constamment, exercer librement et avec decence que son Etat et les sacres Misteres de la Religion Romaine, son Autorité Episcopale dans la Ville de Quebec, lorsque il jugera à propos, jusque au ce que la possession du Canada soit decidee par un Traité entre leurs M. T. C. & B.
(7)	Art (7)
Accordé.	Que l'Artillerie et les Munitions des Guerre seront remises de bonne foy, et que il en sera

	aussi que ce General pourra ecrire au Ministre de France pour l'en informer.
(11) Accorde	Art (11) Que la presente Capitulation sera executé suivante sa forme et Teneur, sans qu'elle puisse etre Sujetté à inexecution, sous pretexte des Represailles, ou d'une Inexecution de quelque Capitulation precedente.

Le presente Traité a été fait & Arreté double entre nous au Camp devant Quebec le 18 Septembre 1759

Chas. Saunders

Geo: Townshend

De Ramesay.

A Copy
Chas. Saunders

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Endorsed Capitulation / in V: A: Saunders's of

Sir,

As the great Number of Transports remaining in the River makes it absolutely necessary to send them away in different Divisions, and under different Convoys; I have sent Rear Admiral Holmes in the Dublin, with his Majesty's Ships Prince Frederick and Seahorse) to see them out of the River, after which he is to Proceed to Spithead, with those two Ships, and such of the Transports and other Vessels as are bound to England.

The different Convoys that go with him down the River, are. To Louisburg with the Grenadiers of that Garrison; To Halifax with two Companies of Rangers, And to Boston & New York with the Hospital Ships, the provincial Soldiers & Seamen, & some Rangers; And I have directed that the Transports which go to these Places, shall, respectively, take in such Prisoners as they find there, and bring them to England. –

I purpose to follow him as soon as possible, with the Remainder of the Squadron & Transports here, and hope I shall be able to do it in a few Days, and leave the Garrison of Quebec amply furnished with provisions, Ammunition, & all necessary Stores for the ensuing Season, to do which I have supplied them with twenty pieces of Cannon (Ten of 24, and Ten

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of 12 pound^{rs}) and all the Ammunition that could be spared from the Fleet. —

I am sorry it has not been possible to get at the French Frigates up the River, they are now twenty Leagues above Quebec, and as the Season was so far advanced before the Surrender of that place, it was the full Employment of all the Boats in the Fleet, to land, in due Time, the Provisions and Stores Necessary for the Support and Security of that Garrison; Nor is the Destruction of those Frigates Practicable, without the Assistance of the Troops, and as the Remainder of the French Army is intrenched at a Pass about 8 Leagues from Quebec, To force that pass and destroy the Ships might require more Time than the advanced Season of the Year would admit of: I presume You will be more particularly informed hereof by General Monckton.

I shall leave the Scorpion Sloop, the Race-horse Bomb, and two armed Vessels to Winter here.

I have not heard from General Amherst, and, therefore, have not been able to confer with him, upon any further Operations this Year. —

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect

Sir / Your most Obedient, and
most humble Servant,
Chas. Saunders.

Sterling Castle, off
Quebec, 5th October 1759

Rt. Hon. W. Pitt Esqr &c. &c

Endorsed Quebec Oct. 5. 1759 / Admrl. Saunders / R. Nov. 12.

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Orford at Spithead 21st Novr 1759.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you by the hands of Mr Smith Captain of Marines on board his Majesties Ship Orford under my Command Brigadier General Moncktons dispatches with two small Cases containing Plans, which he delivered to my care the 2nd Instant. We sailed together from the Isle of Orleans the 30th of October, and the 2nd of Novr being got clear of the Gulf of St Laurence, he parted company in his Majesties Ship Fowey, bound to New York, in his way to General Amherst.

I take the liberty to inclose Admiral Saunders last Orders to me when he sail'd from Quebec, & have the satisfaction to say I have strictly complied with them; rendering the Garrison all the assistance which it stood in need of from the Ships, Nor did I sail till the Generals Monckton & Murray inform'd me I coud be no farther serviceable there.

The French Inhabitants who live in the Neighbourhood of Quebec brought in daily, before I left it, all kinds of necessaries for the Supply of the Garrison, & seemed to be very well reconciled to their new Masters. The Troops were in good health, and the Place perfectly secure from any

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attempts of the Enemy Who indeed, are reduced to such distress (even by there own accounts) as to be incapable of undertaking any Enterprize, or of defending themselves when Attacked

I proposed to myself the honor of delivering General Moncktons letters with my own hands, if the Commanding Officer here, woud have permitted me to have brought them to Town, Which would have freed me from the necessity I now lay under of intreating your forgiveness for the liberty I have taken of Addressing myself to you by Letter. I have the Honor to be with the greatest deference & Respect

Sir

Your most humble
& most obedient Servant
R Spry

Rt. Honble William Pitt Principal Secretary of State &c.

Endorsed Orford. At Spithead. Novr. 21st. 1759 / Capt. Spry / Re 22.

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By Charles Saunders Esqr. Vice Admiral of the Blue & Comr. in Chief of His Majs. Ships Employd, and to be Employed in North America —

Whereas there are Several French Frigates & other Ships & Vessells belonging to the Enemy, above the Town of Quebec, which may probably attempt to come Down the River after I sail from this Place, You are hereby Required & Directed to take under your Command, His Majs. Ships and Vessells named in the Margin, and remain here with them till the Twentieth Instant, and in Case the Weather Should prove favorable, and your longer Stay Should be thought necessary for the Safety and protection of the Garrison, you are to remain a few Days longer, and During your Stay, you are Strictly to look out for the Said Ships & Vessells, and use your utmost Endeavors to take or Destroy the the Same, should they or any of them, attempt to come within your reach, And you are to Con=cert with the Honble Brigadier General Monck=ton, or the Commanding Officer of His Majestys Troops at Quebec, and co-operate with him to the utmost of your power in everything that

Medway
Lowestoft
Lizard
Porcupine
Racehorse
Lawrence
Margaret & Betty
Terror of France

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may tend to the Security and Support of that Garrison. —

And whereas I have Directed Captain Jonyn in His Majestys Ship the Fowey, to Receive on board him the Honble Brigadier General Monckton and proceed with him to New York, you are to permit him to go thither accordingly, when ever the said General Monckton is ready to Embark.

At your Departure from this Place, you are to leave behind you, to winter here, His Majestys Sloop the Porcupine, the Race Horse Bombard Lawrence, and Margaret & Betty Schooners, and Terror of France, And with His Majestys Ships Medway and Lizard, proceed yourself to Spithead, and acquaint the Secretary of the Admiralty with your arrival there,

Dated on board his Majestys Ship Somerset off Quebec, this 11th Day of October 1759.

Chas Saunders

To

Captain Spry Commr

of His Majesty's Ship

Orford

A Copy

R. Spry

By Command of the Admiral

Saml. More,

(A Copy)

Endorsed in Capt. Spry's of Nov: 2. 1759.

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Sir

The Lizard now bearing N W b N distance 17 Leagues, (having with me the Devonshire & Vanguard) I am joined by Captn Phillips of the Juno, who informs me that the French Fleet is at Sea, and Sir Edwd Hawke after them; I have, therefore, only time to acquaint You, that I am making the best of my Way in Quest of Sir Edwd Hawke, which I hope his Majesty will approve of.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Chas Saunders.

Somerset

19th Novembr 1759.

Rt Hon: Wm Pitt Esqr &c &c &c.

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Sir,

I sailed from Quebec on the 18th Ulto. with his Majesty's Ships named in the Margin, & twenty two Transports, in which, by General Monckton's Desire, I have brought from thence, six French Officers, 34 Private Soldiers, 33 Seamen, & 21 Deserters.

Somerset
Shrewsbury
Devonshire
Vanguard
Squirrel
Cormorant F. Sh.

I have ordered Lord Colvill (whom I have left to command in America, & to winter at Halifax) to hoist a broad pendant, & have appointed him a Captain, and left under his Command, five Ships of the Line, three Frigates, & three Sloops, as mentioned in the inclosed Account, to which I beg leave to referr You, for the present Disposition of all his Majesty's Ships & Vessels, that have been under my Command in North America.

The Hunter Sloop was sent to New York, by General Monckton's Desire, soon after the Surrender of Quebec, in hopes of returning this Fall, with Mony for the Service of that Garrison, but considering the little probability there is of succeeding therein; And as there was no Mony left for the Service of the Garrison; I collected from the Gentlemen of the Navy, & left with Genl. Monckton, near four thousand Pounds, for which I have taken his

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Bills, on the Paymaster of the Army, making my self accountable to the Gentlemen from whom I collected it.

The Scarborough, Captn. Stott, whom, with a small armed Schooner, I sent down the River to look into all the Bays & Harbours on the North Shore, has burned & destroyed all the Houses, Stores &c in Seven-Island Harbor, which is a King's Post, and he has done the same by the Town & Fort of Mingan.—

The Echo, who was ordered on the same Service, thro' the Streights of Bell-Isle, & into the Port of Labrador, has not since joined the Fleet, & is to Winter at Halifax.

With the Porcupine & Racehorse (left to Winter at Quebec) I have left three small armed Vessels, which will be very usefull there on the opening of the Spring; One of which I took into the Service, at Quebec, for that purpose, being small, well found, and rowing with sixteen Oars.

In the Night of the 6th. instant, the Cormorant Fireship, & four of the Transports lost Company, & on the 7th. I fell in with two Ships from Virginia, who sailed from thence (in Company with forty four more) on the 16th. of October, but were separated from them; two Days afterwards, in a Gale of Wind; As

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they were very heavy Sailers. I left the Squirrel with them, to convoy them to England.—

On the 16th instant, I ordered the Shrewsbury to make the best of her Way to Spithead, she being very sickly, & having only one Anchor left, and, on the 19th I fell in with the Juno, as mentioned in my Letter of that Date, which I sent in by one of my Convoy, &, of which I inclose you a Duplicate.

In Consequence of the Intelligence I receiv'd from Capt Phillips, I was standing in for Quiberon Bay, when, on the 22d instt, about 20 Leas to the Westwd of Bell-Isle, I fell in with the Firm & Southampton; I order'd the former to return to her Station, and Captn Graine, in the Frigate, to make Sail & look into Quiberon Bay, and bring me the best Intelligence he could obtain, being calm that Night, & little Wind Yesterday, he did not get much a head of me, but returned in the Evening, with a small Lugg-sail Boat that had been taken by the Minerva, in which a Sailmaker & Quarter Master belonging to that Ship, were the chief people, and they inform me, that on Tuesday, the 20th instant (being in Quiberon Bay) about 2 in the afternoon, a great firing was heard to the Northward, upon which Captn Duff sent out a Cutter, who very soon fired several Guns as a Signal to him, immediately

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thereupon, he, with all the Ships & Vessels under his Command, either cut, or Slipt, and put to Sea, as this prize Boat also did: They farther inform me, that they fell in with his Majesty's Ship Maidstone, on the 22d inst., and that Captn Diggs told them there had been an Action between the English & French Fleets, of Isle Groas, in which we had got the better, and that the French were dispersed, & pursued by Sir Edward Hawke

I have ordered the Southampton to look into Quiberon Bay, & if I hear nothing more of Sir Edwd Hawke, or the French Fleet, I propose to proceed off Brest, & remain there a few Days, where I may possibly join some of our Ships, or perhaps pick up some Stragling Ship of the Enemy.

The Vanguard's Coppers being worked down; & the Ship sickly, and in other Respects unfit to keep the Sea, I am obliged to send her in.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

Sir / Your most Obedient humble Servant

Chas Saunders.

Somersett. Isle Groas
N E b N, 8 Leagues
24 Novemb. 1759.

Rt Hon: Wm Pitt Esq &c &c

Endorsed Somerset. Isle Groas N. E. B. N. / 8 Leagues. Nov: 24th 1759. / V. A: Saunders / Rc Nov: 30th by Colonel / Townshend.

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Account of the Disposition of all his Majesty's Ships & Vessels, that have been under the Command of Vice Admiral Saunders, in North America 1759

Northumberland Trident Pembroke Alcide Pr. of Orange Echo Richmond Eurus	Under the Command of Lord Colvill, to winter at Halifax, & proceed to Quebec as early as possible in the Spring
Porcupine Sloop Racehorse	Under the Comm.d of Lord Colvill, to winter at Quebec
Hunter Sloop	Under the Comm.d of Lord Colvill, to return with Money from New York, to Quebec, if possible, if not, to Halifax
Scarborough — At So. Carolina Zephyr Sloop — At No. Carolina	to remain on those Stations.
Hind	Stationed at New York, but, on any other Ship's being stationed there, to take the Trade from thence under his Convoy & repair to England
Sutherland	To convoy the Transports, with Prisoners & Invalids, from Halifax to England.
Scorpion	To do the like from Louisburg
Fowey	To carry Genl. Monckton to New York, & then convoy the Transports with Prisoners &c to England.

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Trent	To convoy the Trade from St Carolina to England
Diana	To refit at Boston, & convoy the Mast Ships to England
Bedford	To Newfoundland, to convoy the latter Trade to England
Sterling Castle ...	To Boston, to wait ten days for Convoy & repair to Spithead
Nightingale ...	Sent to England with Dispatches. —
Rodney Cutter ..	
Lowestoffe ...	
Princess Amelia	With Rear Adm.l Durell, to take under his Convoy such of the Transports as were ready to Sail, & proceed to Spithead.
Neptune	
Roy.l William	
Terrible	
Captain	
Centurion	
Baltimore B.d	
Stromboli F. Sh.	
Pelican Bomb	
Vesuvius F. Sh.	
Dublin	With R.r Adm.l Holmes to do the like. —
P.r Frederick	
Seahorse	
Somerset	From Quebec, with Vice Adm.l Saunders
Vanguard	
Devonshire	
Shrewsbury	
Squirrel	
Cormorant	

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Orford ... Medway ... Lizard ...	To remain at Quebec to 22 Octr., then proceed to Isle of Bic, & wait some days, to look out for any French Ships, that may attempt to come down the River, & then Proceed to Spithead.—

Chas. Saunders

Endorsed Disposition of Ships. / in V. A: Saunders's of Novr. 24th. / 1759.

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Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint You that the Day after I wrote to You by Capt. Swanton of the Vanguard, the Southampton rejoined me, who had been prevented by the Easterly Winds, from getting into Quiberon Bay; but having spoke with Capt: Campbell, on board the Vengeance, bound to England, I was informed, Sir Edwd. Hawke had engaged and dispersed the French Fleet, and was at an Anchor in Quiberon Bay; I therefore thought it best to proceed, with the Devonshire, to England, as both Ships were very Short of Provisions, & in other Respects, unfit to keep the Sea,

On the 25th Ulto. I spoke with Sir Thomas Stanhope in the Swiftsure, who had a Jury Main top mast, and, on the 26th with Capt. Storr in the Revenge, who had a Jury Main Yard, and was very leaky. they both stood to the Eastward, to join Sir Edward Hawke in Quiberon Bay.

The Winds have been constantly against me, ever since I attempted to get into the Channel. On the 3d. instt. in the Night, the Devonshire lost Company, in a hard Gale of Wind, Easterly, where it has continued to blow hard. On the 9th., being drove so far to the Westward, as barely to be able

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to fetch Ireland, and our Provisions growing very short, and not having the least Appearance of a change of Wind, I thought it best to endeavour to fetch Cork or Kinsale, but was not able to fetch farther to the Eastward, than Castle-haven, off of which place I left the Somerset Yesterday in the forenoon, with Directions to Capt. Hughes, if he cou'd not get into Kinsale this Day, to make sure of getting into Crook haven, I have made the best Dispatch I could hither, in my Way to London, of which I hope his Majesty will approve.

Among some private Letters given me to bring to England, I now find the inclosed directed for You; I am sorry I did not sooner know I had a Letter of that Address, that I might have sent it with Genl. Townshend.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Chas. Saunders.

Cork. 11th Decemr. 1759

Rt. Hon Wm. Pitt Esq

Endorsed Cork Dec. 11th 1759 / V. Adl. Saunders / Rc 26th

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Sir

By the report which I have the honour to enclose, you will see the strength of the Army under my command, when they embarked, and when they came to Louisbourg. The Fogs upon this Coast are so frequent and lasting, and the Climate in every Respect so unfavourable to military operations, that if we had been collected a week sooner, I doubt if it woud have been possible to sail before we did. One Company of Rangers (the best of the six) is not yet arrived, and a very good Engineer by some mistake, has had no orders to join us. General Amherst forwarded every thing to the utmost of his power, and the Officers em=ploy'd by him were indefatigable.

Finding that several Regiments were weak, and that no Recruits were likely to come from the West Indies, I apply'd to Mr Whitmore for the three Companies of light Infantry of his Garrison, my letter, & the Governours Answer are enclos'd; If Brigr. Whitmore did not consent to my proposal, it has proceeded from the most scrupulous obedience to Orders beleiving himself not at liberty to judge & act according to circum=stances. The four new Companies of Rangers are so very bad, that I expect no service from

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them, unless mixed with the light Infantry, and it was with that view, that I applied to the Marshal for a Company of Voluntiers from Louisbourg. Five Feild Officers of these Regiments, & several Captains, are either sick, or employed upon the Continent. Forty men of Bragg's Regiment upon duty at St. Johns. We leave eighty sick at Louisbourg, and a hundred Invalids. Several Transports have not yet join'd us, their provisions and their Boats are both very much wanted; however I have taken three thousand Barrels of Flour and Biscuit from the Contractor's Store at Louisbourg. I writ to General Amherst for money, but he could send me none; this is one of the first Sieges perhaps, that ever was undertaken without it. The Camp Equipage of three Regiments is suppos'd to be either lost or taken upon the passage from Philadelphia. We have supplied them with Tents from the Ordinance Stores, & must make the old Kettles &c serve the Campaign. There are a thousand of the Boston Militia at Louisbourg; I desir'd Brig. Whitmore to compleat our Companies of Rangers from them, and to give me a hundred Labourers, solely as Pioniers; the Men were ask'd if they chose to go, and as it seldom happens, that a New-England Man prefers service to a lazy life, none of them

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seem'd to approve of the proposal; they did not ask it, and the General would not order them.

If the Admiral had (as I wish'd) deferr'd sending his letters till the Fleet got up to the Isle of Bic, and till we knew what progress Mr. Durell had made (of which we are at present entirely ignorant) you, Sir, would have been able to form some judgement of the state of affairs. There, we might learn what succours (if any) got up before the Rear Admiral, and other circumstances of moment. Since the Fleet came out, I have received a letter from the Lieutenant Governour of the Massachusetts Bay, acquainting me that he is preparing to embark three hundred of the Militia of his Province to serve with us. These are the Pioniers, which I desir'd General Amherst to send. Colonel Burton & Major Barré who were employed by the General at Boston have spoke of Mr. Hutchison's zeal of the publick service and very great knowledge of the affairs of his Province, in a manner much to his advantage.

We expect to find good part of the Force of Canada at Quebec, and we are prepared to meet them, whatever the Event is, I persuade myself that his Majesty will not be dissatisfied wth the behaviour of the Troops. I have the honour to be with

Neptune 6th. June 1759. the greatest Respect Sir

Your most Obedient and

most Humble Servant / J. Wolfe.

Endorsed Neptune. June 6th. 1759 / Genl. Wolfe. / R. July 2d. by Capt. Campbell.

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19th of May 1759. Louisbourg.

Sir,

In the Distribution of Forces for the Invasion of Canada, my Lord Ligonier had regulated, that Bragg's Regiment, Three Companies of Granadiers, and one Company of Light Infantry, besides the Rangers, should be taken from Louisbourg, and replaced by a thousand of the Boston Militia, by some Accident, the Company of Light Infantry has been omitted in the Orders sent from England, nevertheless as I know it was designed, His Majesty's Service requires that I should apply to You for that Company, and I do it the more readily, as Your Garrison will be rather more numerous after the arrival of the Boston Militia than before. We are disappointed of the Recruits, which were intended to be sent from the West Indies to join Us, and as several Regiments are much weaker, than they were thought (in England) to be, I must beg further to represent to You, that good Troops only can make amends for the want of Numbers in an undertaking of this Sort; it is therefore my Duty to signify to You, that it would be much for the publick Service to let the other two Companies of Light Infantry embark with the army under my Command, upon Condition of being replaced Man for Man by some of the Rangers and some of Frazers additional Com-

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-panies who are not so proper for the field, thô very suffi-
-cient for the Defence of a fortified place. If there was
any reason to apprehend that this change might have
the least ill consequence I should not venture to
propose it. Mr Lawrence who has a very bad
Fortress and a very weak Garrison, accepted of the
Sick and recovering Men of the two American Bat-
-tallions as part of the 500 Regulars intended for
the Defence of Nova Scotia, knowing very well, that
upon the Success of our Attacks in Canada the Security
of the whole Continent of America in a great measure
depends, I am &c.

Jam Wolfe.

Brigr. General Whitmore.

Answer.

Louisbourg 19th May 1759.

Sir,

I have the Honor of Yours of this date, wherein
You acquaint me, that in the Distribution of Forces for
the Invasion of Canada, it was regulated that Bragg's
Regiment, three Companies of Granadiers and one
Company of Light Infantry besides the Rangers, should
be taken from Louisbourg.

By His Majestys Instructions to Me, I am to obey
the Orders, I shall receive from Major General Amherst or

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the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in N. America.

I have not as yet received any Orders from Major General Amherst, to detach a Company of Light Infantry from this Garrison.

Bragg's Regiment, three Companies of Granadiers and all the Rangers, are ordered to embark when you see fit.

I have the Honor to be &c.

Ed. Whitmore.

Major Genl. Wolfe.

Endorsed Copy of M. G. Wolfe's Letter to Governour Whitmore / & his Answer, concerning / the Light Infantry / May 1759. / in Genl. Wolfe's of June 6th / 1759.

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Boston 24. May 1759.

Sir

I have just received a Letter from General Amherst desiring that 300 Men might be added to the Louisburgh Detachment from the Forces raised in this Province provided they can embark without any delay. I intend they shall be on board the Transports in 48 hours which is as soon as it is possible for them to march to this Town from the places where they now are. I think it necessary Sir, to give you immediate advice that if the Service required your sailing before they could arrive & you should think proper to take the same number of Men from the Garrison at Louisburgh you might be assured nothing but the accidents of the Sea can prevent their place being supplied. You will excuse Sir my suggesting to you that it might be adviseable to order this detachment without mentioning the particular Service for which they are designed until they are embarked as you will have it equally in your power to employ them in it afterwards as if they had enlisted specially for that Service.

The Governor Mr Pownall has been absent at Penobscot near a month past. I expect his return in a few days: I am with great respect and esteem

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Sir Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Tho. Hutchinson

His Excellency General Wolfe

Endorsed Lt Governour Hutchinson's / letter to M: G: Wolfe / in Genl Wolfe's of June 6th / 1759.

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Head Quarters at the Camp of
Montmorenci, River of St Lawrence
Sept. 5. 1759

Sir,

[I wish I could upon this occasion have the honour of transmitting to you, a more favourable account of the Progress of His Majesty's Arms; But the Obstacles we have met with in the Operations of the Campaign are much greater than we had reason to expect or could foresee, Not so much from the number of the Enemy (tho' superior to us) as from the natural strength of the Country, which the Marquis de Montcalm seems wisely to depend upon.]

When I learnt that succours of all kinds had been thrown into Quebec, That five Battalions of regular Troops compleated from the best of the Inhabitants of the Country, Some of the Troops of the Colony, And every Canadian that was able to bear Arms, besides several Nations of Savages, had taken the Field in a very advantageous situation; I could not flatter myself that I should be able to reduce the Place. I sought however an occasion to attack their Army, Knowing well that with these Troops I was able to fight, And hoping that a Victory might disperse them.

We found them incamp'd along the Shore of

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Beauport, from the River St. Charles to the Falls of Montmorenci, & intrench'd in every accessible part. The 27th of June we landed upon the Isle of Orleans; But receiving a Message from the Admiral, that there was reason to think the Enemy had Artillery & a Force upon the Point of Levi, I detach'd Brigadier Monckton with four Battalions to drive them from thence. He pass'd the River the 29th at Night, & march'd the next day to the Point; He obliged the Enemy's irregulars to retire & possess'd himself of that Post. The advanced Partys upon this occasion had two or three Skirmishes with the Canadians & Indians with little loss on either side. Colonel Carleton march'd with a detachment to the Westermost point of the Isle of Orleans, from whence our Operations were likely to begin.

It was absolutely necessary to possess these two Points & fortify them; Because from either the one or the other, the Enemy might make it impossible for any Ship to lye in the Bason of Quebec, or even within two miles of it.

Batterys of Cannon & Mortars were erected with great dispatch, on the Point of Levi, to bombard the Town, & Magazines & to injure the Works & Batterys: The Enemy perceiving these works in some forwardness, pass'd the River with 1600 men, to

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attack & destroy them: Unluckily they fell into Confu=
-sion, fired upon one another, & went back again,
By which we lost an opportunity of defeating this large
Detachment. The Effect of this Artillery has been
so great (tho' across the River) that the upper Town
is considerably damaged, & the lower Town entirely
destroy'd.

The works for the security of our Hospitals &
Stores on the Isle of Orleans being finish'd; On the
9th of July at night, we pass'd the North Channel &
incamp'd near the Enemy's left, the River Montmorenci
between us. The next morning, Captain Danks's
Company of Rangers posted in a Wood to cover some
Workmen, were attack'd & defeated by a Body of Indians
And had so many Kill'd & Wounded as to be almost
disabled for the rest of the Campaign: The Enemy
also suffer'd in this Affair & were in their turn
driven off by the nearest Troops.

The Ground to the Eastward of the Falls
seem'd to be (as it really is) higher than that on the
Enemy's side, & to command it in a manner which
might be made usefull to us; There is besides a
Ford below the Falls, which may be pass'd for some
hours in the latter part of the Ebb, & beginning of the
Flood Tide; And I had hopes that possibly, means
might be found of passing the river above, so as to

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fight the Marquis de Montcalm upon terms of less disadvantage, than directly attacking his Intrenchments. In reconnoitring the River Montmorencie, we found it fordable at a Place about three miles up, But the opposite Bank was intrench'd & so steep & woody, that it was to no purpose to attempt a Passage there; The Escort was twice attack'd by the Indians, who were as often repulsed, But in these Rencounters we had forty (Officers & Men) Kill'd & wounded.

The 18th of July, two men of War, two arm'd Sloops, & two Transports with some Troops on board, pass'd by the Town without any Loss, & got into the upper River; This enabled me to reconoitre the Country above, Where I found the same attention on the Enemy's side & great difficultys on ours, Arising from the nature of the ground, & the obstacles to our Communication with the Fleet: But what I feared most, was, that if we should land between the Town & the River Cap Rouge, the Body first landed could not be reinforced before they were attack'd by the Enemy's whole Army. Notwithstanding these difficultys I thought once of attempting it at St. Michels, about three miles above the Town; But perceiving that the Enemy were jealous of the design, were preparing against it, & had actually

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brought Artillery & a Mortar (which, being so near to Quebec, they could increase as they pleased) to play upon the Shipping; And as it must have been many hours before we could attack them (even supposing a favourable night for the Boats to pass by the Town unhurt) It seem'd so hazardous, that I thought it best to desist.

However, to divide the Enemy's force, & to draw their attention as high up the river as possible, And to procure some intelligence, I sent a detachment under the command of Colonel Carleton, to land at the Point de Trempe, to attack whatever he might find there bring off some Prisoners, & all the usefull Papers he could get. I had been inform'd that a Number of the Inhabitants of Quebec had retired to that place, And that probably we should find a Magazine of Provisions there.

The Colonel was fired upon by a Body of Indians, the moment he landed, but they were soon dispersed & driven into the Woods; He search'd for Magazines but to no purpose, brought off some Prisoners, & return'd with little loss. After this business I came back to Montmorenci, where I found that Brigadier Townshend had by a superior fire prevented the French from erecting a Battery on the Bank of the River, from

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whence they intended to cannonade our Camp. I now resolved to take the first opportunity which presented itself, of attacking the Enemy, tho' posted to great advantage, & every where prepared to receive us.

As the Men of War cannot (for want of a sufficient depth of Water) come near enough to the Enemy's Intrenchments to annoy them in the least; The Admiral had prepared two Transports (drawing but little water) which upon occasions could be run a ground, to favour a Descent. With the help of these Vessels, which I understood would be carry'd by the Tide close in shore, I proposed to make myself Master of a detach'd Redoubt near to the water's edge, & whose situation appear'd to be out of Musquet Shot of the Intrenchment upon the Hill: If the Enemy supported this detach'd piece, it would necessarily bring on an Engagement, what we most wish'd for; And, if not, I should have it in my Power to examine their Situation, so as to be able to determine where we could best attack them.

Preparations were accordingly made for an Engagement; The 31st of July, in the forenoon, the boats of the Fleet were fill'd with Grenadiers & a part of Brigadier Monckton's Brigade from the Point of Levi; The two Brigades under Brigadiers

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Townshend & Murray were order'd to be in readiness to pass the Ford when it should be thought necessary; To facilitate the passage of this Corps. The Admiral had placed the Centurion in the Channel so that she might check the fire of the lower Battery, which commanded the Ford; This Ship was of great use, as her fire was very judiciously directed. A great Quantity of Artillery was placed upon the Eminence, so as to batter & enfilade the left of their Intrenchments.

From the Vessel which run aground nearest in I observed that the Redoubt was too much commanded, to be kept without very great loss, And the more as the two arm'd Ships could not be brought near enough to cover both with their Artillery & Musquetry, which I at first conceived they might. But as the Enemy seem'd in some Confusion, And we were prepared for an Action, I thought it a proper time to make an Attempt upon their Intrenchment. Orders were sent to the Brigadiers General, to be ready with the Corps under their command, Brigadier Monckton to land, And the Brigadiers Townshend & Murray to pass the Ford. At a proper time of the Tide, the Signal was made, But in rowing towards the Shore many of the Boats grounded upon

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a Ledge that runs off a considerable distance; This Accident put us into some Disorder, lost a great deal of time, & obliged me to send an Officer to stop Brigadier Townshend's march, whom I then observed to be in motion. While the Seamen were getting the boats off, the Enemy fired a number of Shells & Shot, but did no considerable damage. As soon as this Disorder could be set a little to Rights, & the Boats were ranged in a proper manner, some of the Officers of the Navy went in with me to find a better place to land; We took one flat-bottom'd Boat with us to make the Experiment & as soon as we had found a fit part of the Shore, the Troops were order'd to disembark; thinking it, not yet too late, for the attempt.

The thirteen Companys of Grenadiers & 200 of the second Royal American Battalion got first on Shore; The Grenadiers were order'd to form themselves into four distinct bodys & to begin the Attack, Supported by Brigadier Monckton's Corps, As soon as the other Troops had pass'd the Ford, & were at hand to assist. But whether from the Noise & Hurry at landing, or from some other Cause, The Grenadiers, instead of forming themselves as they were directed, ran on impetuously towards the Enemy's Intrenchments in the utmost Disorder & Confusion, Without waiting

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for the Corps which were to sustain them & join in the Attack. — Brigadier Monckton was not landed, & Brigadier Townshend was still at a considerable distance, tho' upon his march to join us, in very great order.

The Grenadiers were check'd by the Enemy's first Fire, & obliged to shelter themselves, in, or about the Redoubt, which the French abandon'd upon their approach; In this Situation they continued for some time, unable to form under so hot a fire, & having many gallant Officers wounded, Who (careless of their Persons) had been solely intent upon their Duty: I saw the absolute necessity of calling them off, that they might form themselves behind Brigadier Monckton's Corps, which was now landed, & drawn up on the Beach in extream good Order. By this new Accident & this second Delay, It was near Night; A sudden Storm came on, & the Tide began to make, So that I thought it most adviseable not to persevere in so difficult an Attack, least (in case of a Repulse) the Retreat of Brigadier Townshend's Corps might be hazardous & uncertain. Our Artillery had a great Effect upon the Enemy's Left, where Brigadiers Townshend & Murray were to have attack'd, And it is probable that, if those Accidents I have spoken of, had not happen'd, We should

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have penetrated there, Whilst our left & center, more remote from our Artillery, must have bore all the Violence of their Musquetry.

The French did not attempt to interrupt our March; Some of their Savages came down to murder such wounded as could not be brought off, And to scalp the Dead, as their Custom is.

The Place where the Attack was intended, has these Advantages over all others hereabout. Our Artillery could be brought into Use — The greatest Part, or even the Whole of the Troops might act at once — And the Retreat (in case of a Repulse) was secure, at least for a certain time of the Tide. Neither one, nor other of these Advantages can any where else be found. — The Enemy were indeed posted upon a commanding Eminence — The Beach upon which the Troops were drawn up, was of deep Mud, with Holes, & cut by several Gullys — The Hill to be ascended, very steep, & not every where practicable — The Enemy numerous in their Intrenchments, & their Fire hot — If the Attack had succeeded, our Loss must certainly have been great, And their's inconsiderable from the Shelter which the neighbouring Woods afforded them — The River St Charles still remained to be pass'd before the Town was invested — All these Circumstances

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I consider'd. But the Desire to act in Conformity to the King's intentions induced me to make this Trial, Persuaded that a victorious Army finds no Difficultys.

The Enemy have been fortifying ever since with Care, so as to make a second Attempt still more dangerous.

Immediately after this Check, I sent Brigad.^r Murray above the Town with 1200 men, Directing him to assist Rear Admiral Holmes in the Destruction of the French Ships (if they could be got at) in order to open a Communication with General Amherst. The Brigadier was to seek every favourable Opportunity of fighting some of the Enemy's Detachments provided he could do it upon tolerable Terms, And to use all the Means in his Power to provoke them to attack him. He made two different attempts to land upon the North Shore, without Success; But in a third, was more fortunate — He landed unexpectedly at Dechambaud, & burnt a Magazine there, in which were some Provisions, some Ammunition, And all the spare Stores, Cloathing, Arms, & Baggage of their Army. Finding that their Ships were not to be got at, & little Prospect of bringing the Enemy to a Battle, He reported his situation to me, & I order'd him to join the Army. The Prisoners he took, inform'd him of the

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Surrender of the Fort of Niagara, And we discover'd by intercepted Letters that the Enemy had abandon'd Carillon & Crown Point, were retired to the Isle aux Noix, And that General Amherst was making Preparations to pass the Lake Champlain, to fall upon Monsieur de Bourlemaque's Corps, which consists of three Battalions of Foot, & as many Canadians as make the whole amount to 3000 Men.

The Admiral's Dispatches & mine would have gone eight or ten Days sooner, If I had not been prevented from writing by a Fever; I found myself so ill, & am still so weak, that I begg'd the General Officers to consult together for the Publick Utility. They are all of opinion, that, (as more Ships & Provisions have now got above the Town) they should try, by conveying up a Corps of 4 or 5000 men (which is nearly the whole strength of the Army, after the Points of Levi & Orleans are left in a proper State of Defence) to draw the Enemy from their present Situation, & bring them to an Action — I have acquiesced in their Proposal, & we are preparing to put it in Execution.

The Admiral & I have examin'd the Town, with a View to a general Assault; But after consulting with the Chief Engineer who is well acquainted with the interior Parts of it, And after viewing it with the utmost Attention,

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We found that tho' the Batterys of the lower Town might be easily silenced by the Men of War; Yet the Business of an Assault would be little advanced by that, Since the few Passages that lead from the lower to the upper Town are carefully intrench'd, And the upper Batterys cannot be affected by the Ships, which must receive considerable Damage from them & from the Mortars.

The Admiral would readily join in this or in any other Measure for the Publick Service, But I could not propose to him an Undertaking of so dangerous a Nature & promising so little Success.

At my first coming into the Country, I used all the means in my Power, to engage the Canadians to lay down their Arms, by offers of such Protection & Security for themselves, their Property & Religion, as was consistent with the known Mildness of His Majesty's Government. I found that good Treatment had not the desired Effects, So that of late I have changed my Measures & laid waste the Country, partly to engage the Marquis de Montcalm to try the Event of a Battle to prevent the Ravage, And partly in Return for many Insults offer'd to our People by the Canadians, As well as the frequent Inhumanitys exercised upon our own Frontiers: It was necessary also to have some Prisoners as Hostages for

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their good Behaviour to our People in their hands, whom I had reason to think they did not use very well. Major Dalling surprized the Guard of a Village & brought in about 380 Prisoners, which I keep, not proposing any Exchange till the End of the Campaign.

In case of a Disappointment, I intended to fortify Coudres & leave 3000 men for the Defence of it; But it was too late in the Season, to collect Materials sufficient for covering so large a Body.

To the uncommon Strength of the Country, the Enemy have added (for the Defence of the River) a great Number of Floating Batterys & Boats. By the Vigilance of these, and the Indians round our different Posts, It has been impossible to execute any thing by Surprize: We have had almost daily Skirmishes with these Savages, in which they are generally defeated, But not without Loss on our Side.

By the List of disabled Officers (many of whom are of Rank) you may perceive, Sir, that the Army is much weaken'd — By the Nature of the River, The most formidable part of this Armament is deprived of the Power of acting: Yet we have almost the whole Force of Canada to oppose. In this Situation, there is such a Choice of Difficultys, that I own myself at a Loss how to determine. The Affairs of Great

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Britain I know, require the most vigorous Measures: But then the Courage of a Handfull of brave Men should be exerted, only where there is some Hope of a favourable Event.

However, you may be assured, Sir, that the small Part of the Campaign which remains, shall be employ'd (as far as I am able) for the Honour of His Majesty & the Interest of the Nation, In which I am sure of being well seconded by the Admiral & by the Generals — Happy, if our Efforts here can contribute to the Success of His Majesty's Arms in any other Parts of America.

I have the honour

to be

with the greatest Respect

Sir,

Your most obedient and

most humble Servant

Jam: Wolfe

Endorsed Camp at Montmorenci Septr. 2d. 1759. / Major Genl. Wolfe / Dept.

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Return of the Killed, Wounded & Missing.

	Killed			Wounded			Missing or Suppos'd Prisoners		
	Serjts	Drumrs	Rank & File	Serjts	Drumrs	Rank & File	Serjts	Drumrs	Rank & File
Major Genl. Amhersts ...	2	--	9	4	1	45	--	--	--
Lieut. Genl. Braggs	1	--	13	1	1	54	--	--	2
Lieut. Genl. Otways ...	1	--	22	1	1	38	1	--	2
Major Genl. Kennedys..	--	--	9	--	--	13	--	--	1
Lieut. Genl. Lascelles's ...	2	--	14	2	1	44	--	--	1
Colonel Webbs	--	--	13	2	--	45	--	--	2
Colonel Anstruthers	--	--	9	2	1	42	--	--	--
Brigr. Genl. Moncktons..	--	--	17	4	--	89	1	--	4
Brigr. Genl. Lawrences...	1	--	1	3	--	25	--	--	--
Colonel Frasers ...	--	--	18	--	1	85	--	--	2
Grenadiers of Louisbourg..	1	--	9	2	1	62	--	--	--
Artillery	--	--	--	--	--	4	--	--	--
Marines	--	--	8	--	--	2	--	--	--
Rangers	1	--	20	4	--	24	--	--	1
Total ...	9	--	162	25	7	572	2	--	15.

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Officers Killed, or Wounded.

Major Genl. Amhersts	Surgeons Mate	Killed
	Major Irving Capt. Loftus Lt. Rutherford Lt. & Adjt. Mukins Lieut. Leslie Ens. North Ens. Barker	Wounded
Lt. Gl. Braggs	Capt. Michelson	Wounded
Lt. Genl. Otways	Capt. Hatcher Lt. Hamilton	Killed
	Capt. Ince Lieut. Gore Lieut. Blakeney Lieut. Field	Wounded
Major Genl. Kennedys	Capt. Maitland Lieut. Elements	Wounded
Lieut. Genl. Lascelles	Lieut. Mathieson	Killed
	Capt. Smelt Lt. Elphinston Lt. Mountain	Wounded
Col. Webbs	Lt. Percival	Kill'd
	Col. Burton Capt. Edmiston Lt. & Adjt. Hathern Lt. & Qr. Mr. Webb	Wounded
Lt. Anstruthers	Capt. Leland Lieut. Hayes Lt. & Qr. Master Grant	Wounded

Brigr. Genl. Monctons	Capt. Ochterlony Lt. Kennedy Lt. De Witt Ens. Johnson	Killed
	Capt. Lt. Brigstock Lt. Escuyer Lt. Grandidier Lt. Archbold Lt. Howarth Ens. Peyton	Wounded
Brigr. Genl. Laurences	Major Prevost	Wounded
Col. Frasers	Col. Fraser Capt. McPherson Capt. Simon Fraser Lieut. Cameron Lieut. McDonald Lieut. Al. McDonald	Wounded
Grenadiers of Louisbourg	Capt. Hamilton Lt. Collingwood Lt. Bradstreet Lt. Jones	Wounded
	Capt. Bell Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief	Wounded
	Capt. Williamson Capt. Green	Engineers Wounded
Rangers	Capt. Lt. Armstrong Lieut. Meech	Killed
	Capt. Danks Lieut. Stephens	Wounded
Light Infantry	Capt. Delaune Capt. Barden	Wounded

River St Laurence
Camp at Point Levi
Septr ye 15th 1759.

Sir

I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that on the 13th Inst., His Majestys Troops Gain'd a very Signal Victory over the French, a little above the Town of Quebec - Genl. Wolfe exerting himself on the Right of our Line Receiv'd a Wound pritty Early, of which he Dyed soon After - And I had myself the great Misfortune of receiving one in my Right Breast by a Ball that went through Part of my Lungs, & was Cut out under the Blade Bone of my Shoulder - just as the French were giving Way - Which oblig'd me to quit the Field - I have therefore Sir, desir'd Genl. Townshend, who now commands the Troops before the Town - (And of which I am in hopes he will be soon in possession) to acquaint you with the Particulars of that Day - And of the Operations Carrying On -

I have the Honour to be
With the Greatest Respect
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servt.
Robt. Monckton

P.S.

His Majestys Troops

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behav'd with the greatest Steadiness & Bravery —

As the Surgeons tell me that there is no danger in my Wound — I am in hopes that I shall be soon able to join the Army before the Town —

To The Right Honble Wm Pitt Esqr

Endorsed Camp at Point Levi / Sept. 15. 1759
B. Gen. Monckton / Rx Oct. 16th by Colonel / Hale.

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Sir

I have ye Honour to acquaint you the Success of his Majesties Arms on the 12th Instant in an Action with the French on ye Heights to ye Westward of this Town.

It being determin'd to carry the operations above ye Town the Posts at Point Levi & L'Isle D'Orleans being secured the General march'd with ye remainder of his Force from Point Levi the 5th & 6th & embark'd them in Transports which had passd the Town for that purpose. on the 7th 8th & 9th A movement of the Ships was made up by Admiral Holmes in order to amuse the Enemy now posted along the North Shore, but the Transports being extreamly crowded & the weather very bad the General thought proper to canton half his Troops on the South Shore, where they were refresh'd and reimbark'd upon the 12th at one in ye Morning. The Light Infantry comanded by Colonel Howe The Regiments of Braggs Kennedys Lascelles & Anstruthers, with a Detachment of Highlanders and the American Grenadiers. The whole being under ye Command of Brigadiers Monckton & Murray were put into ye Flat Bottom'd Boats & after some Movement of ye Ships made by Admiral Holmes to draw ye Attention of ye Enemy above The Boats fell down with ye Tide &

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Landed on ye North Shore within a League of Cape Diamond, an Hour before Day break. The rapidity of ye Tide of Ebb carried them a little below ye intended place of attack which obliged the Light infantry to scramble up a woody precipice in order to secure ye landing ye Troops by dislodging a Captains Post which defended ye small intrench'd Path ye Troops were to ascend. after a little firing the Light Infantry gain'd the Top of the Precipice & dispersed ye Captains Post by which means The Troops with very little loss from a few Canadians & Indians in ye wood got up & were imediately form'd. The Boats as they Emptied, were sent back for ye 2^d Disembarkation which I imediately made Brig^r Murray being detach'd with Anstruthers Battalion to attack the 4 Gun Battery upon ye left, was recalld by ye General who now saw ye french Army crossing ye River St Charles. General Wolf thereupon begun to form his Line having his Right coverd by ye Louisbourg Grenadiers — on the right of these again he afterwards brought Otways. to the left of ye Gran^rs were Braggs, Kennedys Lascelles Highlanders & Anstruthers The right of this Body was comanded by Brig^r Monckton & ye left by Brig^r Murray his rear & left was protected by Col^o Howes Light Infantry who was return'd from the 4 Gun Battery

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before mention'd, which was soon abandon'd to him where He found four Guns. General Montcalm having collected ye whole of his force from the Beauport side & advancing upon shew'd his Intention to flank our left where I was imediatly order'd with Genl. Amhersts Battalion which I form'd en potence, my numbers were soon after encreased by ye Arrival of ye 2d Battalion of Royal Americans, and Webbs was drawn up by ye General as a Reserve in eight Subdivisions with large Intervals. The Enemy lined the Bushes in their Front with 1500 Indians & Canadians & I dare say had placed most of their best Marksmen there, who kept up a very galling tho' irregular fire upon our whole Line, who bore it with ye greatest patience and good order, reserving their fire for the main body now advancing. this fire of the Ennemies was however check'd by our posts in our front, which protected ye forming our own Line.

The right of ye Ennemy was composed of half ye Troops of ye Colony, the Battns of La Sarre, Languedoc & ye remainder of their Canadians & Indians; Their Center was a Column & formd by ye Battalions of Bearn & Guyenne. their left was composed of the remainder of the Troops of ye

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Colony and ye Battalion of Royal Rousillion. This was as near as I Guess their line of Battle. They brought up 2 pieces of Small artillery against us and we been able to bring up but one Gun, which being admirably well served galld their Column exceedingly. My attention to the left will not permit me to be very exact with regard to every Circumstance which pass'd in ye Center, much less to ye right, but it is most certain that the Enemy form'd in good order & that their attack was very brisk & animated on that Side, our Troops reserved their fire till within 40 Yards which was so well continued that ye Enemy every where Gave way. 'Twas then our General fell at the Head of Braggs & the Louisbourgh Grenadiers advancing with their Bayonets about ye same time. B: General Monkton received his wound at the head of Lascelles; In the front of ye opposite Battalions fell also Monsr Montcalm & his second in Command since died of his wounds on board our fleet. part of ye Enemy made a second faint attack, part took to some thick Copse wood & seemd to make a Stand. It was at this moment that Each Corps seemd in a manner to exert itself with a view to its own peculiar Character.

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The Grenadiers, Braggs & Lascelles press'd on with their Bayonets. Brigadier Murray ad-vancing ye Troops under his Command briskly compleated ye Route on this side, when the Highlanders supported by Anstruthers took to their broad Swords & drove part into the Town, part to the works at their Bridge on the River St Charles.

The Action on our left & Rear was not so severe. The Houses into which ye Light Infantry were thrown were well defended, being supported by Col Howe who taking post with two Companies behind a small Copse, & frequently sallying upon the flanks of ye Enemy during their attack, drove them often into Heaps, against ye Front of which Body I advanced Pla-toons of Amhersts Regiment which totally prevented ye Right Wing from executing their first intention. before this one of ye Royal american Battns had been detachd to preserve our Communication with our Boats & the other being sent to occupy ye Ground which General Murray's movement had left open. I remain'd with Amhersts to support this disposition & to keep ye Enemies right & a Body of their Savages which waited still more towards our Rear opposite

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our Light Infantry Posts, waiting of an oppor-tunity to fall upon our Rear. This Sir was ye Situation of Things when I was told in ye Action that I comanded. I imediately repaird to the Center & finding the pursuit had put part of ye Troops in Disorder I formed them as soon as possible. Scarce was this was this effected when Monr de Bougainville with his Corps from Cap rouge of 2000 Men appeard in our Rear I advanced 2 Peices of Artillery & to Battalions towards him, upon which he retired. You will not I flatter myself blame me for not quitting such advantageous Ground, & risking ye fruit of so Decisive a Day for his Majesties affairs by seeking a fresh Enemy posted perhaps in ye very kind of Ground he could wish for, vidt Woods & Swamps. We took a great Number of French Officers upon ye field of Battle, one peice of Cannon. Their loss is computed to be about 1500 Men. which fell chiefly upon the Regulars. I have been employed from ye Day of Action to that of the Capitulation in redoubting our Camp beyond Insult, in making a road up ye precipice for our Cannon, in getting up The Artillery, preparing the Batteries & cutting off their Comunication with their Country. The

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17th at noon before we had any Battery erected or could have had any for 2 or 3 days. A Flagg of Truce came out with proposals of Capitulation, Which I sent back again to Town allowing them four Hours to Capitulate or no further Treaty. The Admiral had at this time brought up his large Ships as intending to attack the Town. The French Officer return'd at night with Terms of Capitulation which with the Admiral were considered agreed to and sign'd at 8 in ye morning ye 18th Instant. The terms you find we granted will I flatter myself be approv'd of by his Majesty considering ye Enemy assembling in our Rear & what is far more formidable, The very whet & Cold Season which threatned our Troops with Sickness & the fleet with some accident. It had made our Road so bad we could not bring up a Gun for some time. add to this ye advantage of entring ye Town with the walls in a Defensible State, and ye being able to put a Garrison there strong enough to prevent all surprise. These I hope will be deem'd a sufficient Consideration for granting them ye Terms I have ye Honour to propose to you. The Inhabitants of ye Country came in to us fast, bringing in their Arms &

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taking ye Oaths of Fidelity Until a General Peace determines their Situation.

I herewith have ye Honour to inclose you a List of ye Killd & wounded. A List of ye Prisoners, as perfect as I have yet been able to get it. Another List of ye Artillery & Stores in the Town, as well as of those fallen into our Hands at Beuport in consequence of ye Victory. By Deserters we learn that the Enemy is reassembling what Troops they can, behind the Cap Rouge, that Mons. de Levy is come down from ye Montreal side to command them, some say has brought 2 Battns with him. if so, This blow has already assisted Mr Amherst. By other deserters we learn that Monr de Bougainville with 800 Men & provisions was on his march to fling Himself into ye Town ye 18th the very morning it Capitulated. on which Day we had not compleated ye Investiture of ye place, as They broke their Bridge of Boats and had detachments in very strong works on ye other side ye River St Charles

I should be wanting in paying my due Respects to ye Admirals & ye naval service if I neglected this occasion of acknowledging how much we are indebted for our success to ye Constant assistance & support received, and the perfect

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Harmony & Correspondence which has prevail'd throughout all our Operations in ye uncommon Defficulties which ye nature of this Country in particular presents to Military Operations of a great Extent & which no Army Can itself solely supply. The immense Labour in Artillery Stores & provisions, The long watchings & Attendance in Boats, The drawing up our Artillery by ye Seamen, even in ye Heat of Action, It is my Duty short as my Command has been, to acknowledge for that time, how great a Share ye Navy has had in this successfull Campaign

I have the Honour to be

Sir with ye truest respect

Your most Obedt. Humble

Servt.

Geo: Townshend

Camp before Quebec

Sept. ye 20th 1759.

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La Capitulation demandee d'autre part a ete accordée par Son Excellence General Tounshend Brigadier des armees de sa Majesté Britanique en Amerique de la Maniere & aux conditions exprimées cy dessous

Articles de Capitulation demandés Par Mr. de Ramzay Lieutenant Pour Le Roy Commandant Les Hautes & Bass Ville de Quebec Chr. de L'Ordre Royal & Militaire de St. Louis à son Excellence Monsieur Le General des troupes de sa Majesté Britanique.

1.

La garnison de la ville Composée des troupes de terre de Marinne et matelots sortiront de la Ville avec armes et Bagages Tambour Battant meche allumée avec deux pieces de Canon de france Et douze Coups a tirer pour chaque piece Et sera Embarqué le plus Commodement possible pour etre mise en france au premier port

Article Premier

Mr. de Ramzay demande Les honneurs de la guerre Pour sa Garnison & qu'elle soit ramenée à L'armée En sureté par Le Chemin Le plus Court, avec armes, bagages, six pieces de Canon de fonte, deux Mortiers ou Obusiers Et Douse coups à tirer par piece

2.

Accordé en Mettant les armes Bas

Art. 2.

Que Les habitans soient Conservés dans La possession de leurs Maisons, biens, effets & privileges.

3.

accordé.

Art. 3.

Que Les dits habitans ne pourront Etre recherchés pour avoir

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porté les armes à la deffense de la ville, attendu qu'ils y ont été forcés & que les habitans des Colonies des deux couronnes y servent Egalement comme Milices.

4. Art. 4.

accordé — Qu'il ne sera pas touché aux Effets des Officiers & habitans abeens

5. Art. 5.

accordés — Que les dits habitans ne seront point transferés, ni tenus de quitter leurs Maisons jusqu'à ce qu'un traité definitif Entre S. M. T. C. & S. M. B. aye reglé leur Etat.

6. Art. 6.

libre Exercise de la Religion Romaine. sauves gardes accordées a toutes personnes Religieuses ainsi qua Mr. Leveque qui pourra venir Exercer Librement et avec Decence les fonctions de son Etat lorsquil le jugera apropos jusqua ce que la possession du Canada ayt été Decidée entre sa Majeste B. et S. M. T. C.

Que l'Exercise de la religion Catholique Apostolique & romaine sera conservé, que l'on Donnera des sauve gardes aux Maisons des Ecclesiastiques, religieux & religieuses particulierement à Mgr. l'Evêque de Quebec qui, rempli de Zele pour la religion Et de charité pour le peuple de son Diocese desire y rester constamment, Exercer Librement & avec la Decence que son

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Etat & les sacrés mysteres de la religion Catholique Apostolique & Romaines, Exigent, son authorité Episcopale dans La ville de Quebec Lorsqu'il jugera à propos, Jusqu'à ce que la possession Du Canada ait Eté ait Eté décidée par Un traité Entre S. M. T. C. & S. M. B.

7. Art. 7.

accordé. Que L'artillerie & les Munitions de guerres seront remises de bonne foy et Qu'il en sera Dressé un Inventaire.

8. Art. 8.

accordé Qu'il En sera usé pour Les Malades, blessés, Commissaire, Aumoniers, Medecins, Chirurgiens, Apoticaires & autres personnes Employés au service des hopitaux Conformement au traité d'Echange du 6. fevrier 1759. Convenu Entre Leurs M. T. C. & B.

9. Art. 9.

accordé. Qu'avant de livrer La porte & L'entrée de La ville aux troupes

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Angloises, leur general voudra bien remettre quelques soldats pour Etre mis en sauve gardes aux Eglises, couvents & principales habitations.

10. Art. 10.

accordé Qu'il sera Permis au Lieutenant de Roy commandant dans La ville de Quebec d'Envoyer Informer Mr. Le Marquis de Vaudreuil Gouverneur General de La reddition de La place, Comm'aussi que Ce General pourra Ecrire au Ministre de france pour L'en Informer.

11. Art. 11.

accordé Que La presente Capitulation sera Executée suivant sa forme & teneur sans qu'elle puisse Etre sujette à Inexecution sous pretexte de represailles ou D'une Inexecution de Quelque Capitulation precedente.

Le present traité a Eté fait et arreté Double entre Nous au Camp devant Quebec le 18e Septembre 1759

Chas. Saunders.

Geo: Townshend.

De Ramesay

Endorsed Capitulation of Quebec | in Genl. Townshend's | of Sepr. 20th 1759. ||

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An Account of the Guns Mortars Ammunition and Arms &c found in the City of Quebeck upon its surrender to his Majesty's Troops the 18th September 1759. Vizt

Brass Ordnance	6 Pounders	1
	4	3
	2	2
Iron Ordnance	36 Pounders	10
	24	45
	18	18
	12	13
	8	43
	6	66
	4	30
	3	7
	2	3
Brass Mortars	13 inch	1
Do. Howitzers	8 inch	3
Iron Mortars	13 inch	9
	10	1
	8	3
	7	2
Brass Petards		2
Shells	13 inch	770
	10	150
	8	90 (8 and 6 together)
	6	

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with a considerable Quantity of Powder, Ball, Small Arms and Intrenching Tools &c the number of which cannot at present be ascertained.

Will: Saltonstall
Commissary Artillery

Endorsed A Return of the / Guns &c found at / Quebeck 18th Septr 1759 / in Genl Townshend's of / Sepr 20th 1759 / 3

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An account of ye Artillery & Stores found between ye River St Charles & Beauport.

		Guns	Balls, Grape
Redoubt at ye head of ye bridge		3	no number taken
Royal Battery		4	Do
La Rousselle Battery		3	
St. Charles Battery		3	Do
Le Prêtre Battery		2	some tons the cannon
Bomb Battery	1 mortar & 21.	0	shells.
Parens Battery		3	
La Chaise Battery		3	Balls, grape
Floating Batteries		12	
Beauport Battery		4	Do
		34 Guns	1. mortar

Geo. Townshend. Brigr.

Given in ye 18th of 7br 1759.

Endorsed Account of / ye artillery / found on ye / Beaupt. Coast / in Genl. Townshends / of Sepr. 20th 1759. / 4

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The French Line

Right	La Colonie	350	
	La Sarre	340,	1. 12 pounder Iron
	Languedoc	320	
Column	Bearn	200	
	La Guienne	200	
Left	Royal Roussillon	230	1:12 pounder Intended to
	La Colonie	300	be here, but was not placed

Militia in the Bushes and along the face of the Bank } 1500

Principal Officers.

Marquis De Montcalm . . . . Dead

Brigr. Senezergues . . . . . Dead

Monsr. Beau Chatel Major de La Sarre.

Monsieur Bougainvill's Command.

5 Companys Grenadiers, 150 Canadian Voluntiers, 230 Cavalry Militia 870, the whole being 1500.

Role des Prisoniers.

Noms des Officies	Regt.	Rank.
Monsr. de Jourdeau Chevalier de St. Louis	de Bearn	Capt.
Monsr. de Matissar	le Languedoc	Capt.
Monsr. De Vours	La Sarre	Capt.
Monsr. De Tozon	Guienne	Lieut.
Monsr. De Castes	Languedoc.	Lieut.

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	Regts	Rank
Monsr Sanbany	La Sarre	Lieut.

Prisoners . 144 204

Troupes de la Marine . Monsr de la Colombiere

Chevalier de St Louis . Capt.

Monsr Montarvitie . Lieut

Monsr de Carvillee . . . Cadet

Monsr Darling Chevalier St Louis	Guienne	Capt.
Monsr Chambeau	Guienne	Capt
Monsr Dartique	Guienne	Capt
Monsr St Blanbaire	Roussilon	Capt
Monsr De Grave	Guienne	Capt

one Hundred & Eighty Nine Soldiers

N.B. the above are all on board Ships.

The Battery of 4 pieces of Cannon 18 Pdrs was destroy'd, the Morning of our Landing

Two pieces of Cannon was taken on the Field —

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Return of the Strength of the Army on the 13th September 1759. Before the Battle of Quebec.

Regiments	Officers Present: Commission: Colonels	Lieut. Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Staff: Chaplain	Adjutant	Q. Master	Surgeon	Mate	Non Commission: Serjeants	Drummers	Rank & file	General and Staff Officers: Major General	Brig. Generals	Adjt. General	Q. Mr. Genl.	Brigade Majors	Aids de Camp	Assistants to the Q. Master Genl.
Major Genl. Amhersts	..	..	1	3	14	3	..	..	..	..	..	20	2	279							
Lieut. Genl. Braggs	..	1	..	5	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	18	7	300							
Lieut. Genl. Otways	..	1	1	5	11	10	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	406							
Major Genl. Kennedys	..	..	1	6	6	5	..	..	1	..	..	19	11	256							
Lieut. Genl. Lascelles's	..	1	..	5	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	21	7	196							
Colonel Webbs	..	1	..	5	15	8	..	..	..	1	1	33	14	649							
Colonel Anstruthers	..	..	1	4	7	6	..	..	..	..	..	19	2	300							
Brigr. Genl. Moncktons	..	..	..	2	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	21	10	218							
Colonel Lawrences	..	1	..	4	11	11	..	..	..	..	..	28	14	474							
Colonel Frasers	..	..	..	6	11	5	..	..	..	..	..	23	12	532							
Louisbourg Grenadiers	..	1	..	2	8	..	..	1	..	..	..	9	4	216							
Total	..	6	4	47	104	69	..	1	1	1	1	239	88	3826	1	3	1	1	4	2	1

Royal Train of Artillery, one Colonel, one Captain, 4 Subalterns, 40 Men and three field pieces 6 pounders.

Geo: Townshend Brigadier.

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River St Lawrence
Quebec 8th October 1759

Sir

By Colonel Hale who sailed the 20th of September, in the Leostoffe Man of War, Brigadier Townshend wrote You of the Success of His Majestys Arms, up this River, and I had the Honour of writing You a few Lines on the same subject since which Sir we have been so continually emploied in repairing Quarters for the Troops, landing Provisions and Stores, and getting in Fewel, that it has not been in my power to carry on, any further Operations against the Enemy. They have been for some time past Intrenched at a place called Jacques Quartier, about thirteen Leagues up the River from hence, the Country to it is much cut with Woods, and it might have been attended with much dificulty for us to have acted against them there, beside Sir, the Season being so far advanced, and the many very necessary preparations, We have to make against the severity of the Winter, would not allow of it.

Since the Surrender of the Town I have published a Manifesto allowing the Inhabitants to return to their Farms and to get in their Harvest upon condition that they give in their Arms, and

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take the Oath of Fidelity, which most of the Inhabitants of this Town, and of the Villages about here, have already complied with — You have herewith Sir, a Copy of the Manifesto, it is of much the same purport, as the One General Wolfe published, at our first coming up the River.

By what Intelligence I can get (not having heard from Genl. Amherst a long time) The French are still fearfull of His advancing, as the bad weather does not set in so soon with Him as it does here, and I am this day informed that a Party from His Army, have fallen upon, and destroyed a French and Indian Settlement called St. Francis in Lake St. Pierre, — as some of the Indians were not returned home from the French Army, they escaped.

There are yet, a Number of French Ships up the River (two of them Frigates) at the Grondines, Batiscan, and above the Falls of Richlieu. The Deserters say they intend to try to push by, when most of the Men of War are gone.

The Admiral intends leaving only two Sloops of War here the Winter (and two Line of Battle Ships as long as the weather will permit them to stay) as He cannot find any place, where a two decked Ship can remain in Safety

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for the Winter

You have inclosed a Return of the Army for the Month of September and a State of the Garrison that is to remain the Winter & a return of the Gunns Mortars and Amunition, found in the Town and on the Beauport shore as far as We have been able to come to an exact Account of them, - in regard to other King's Stores, it is imposible to send an Account of them, by this opportunity, - but as there are a good many Shoes and coarse Cloth in the Publick Stores, I have taken upon me, to direct Brigadier Murray to distribute to the Soldiers some of the Shoes and Cloth to make Waistcoats to keep them warm in the Winter, as a Reward for the great Spirit, with which they went through the Campaign, and their Gallant Behaviour on the 13th of September - my doing this I hope Sir will be approved of -

I have tried to make an Exchange, with the Marquis de Vaudreuil for some Officers of Ours, that He has in His Hands, but I find it imposible to have any Dealings with Him, as His Letters on that head, are always filled with Untruths, and only tending to perswade me to Keep Their prisoners here, thinking that in the Winter We should be glad to get rid of them at any Rate - I shall therefore send them to

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England, as fast as their Wounds will admit of it (seven of them go now)

The inclosed Memoire and Letter, both signed by Mr. Vaudreuil will shew You Sir the Methods He purposes making use of, should there be a Peace, and what methods He has used to make the Canadiens take up Arms, these were found in some of the Villages, with other papers, by some of our Parties.

The Louisbourg Grenadiers I have sent back, and only purpose keeping One Hundred of the Rangers, Colonel Williamson, with one Company of the Artillery, and the heavy Train is gone to Boston.

Would I listen to it, I am informed I might have Proposals for a Cessation of Arms during the Winter (such is their distress) and that Colonel Bougainville, who came to me some days past, from the Marquis de Vaudreuil and The Chevalier de Levis, about an Exchange of Prisoners, was charged with this Commission, but some Liberties He had taken, in going about too much having obliged me to restrain Him within a particular Limit, He went away offended, without mentioning it Himself — but the Commissary of War, with whom He lived, has since dropped some hints, tending that way — I have given him to understand that nothing of the kind will be listned to, and that if the Marquis de Vaudreuil should send any

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Parties to exercise Cruelties, that We shall re-taliate them upon such of Theirs as We have in Our hands, although it is what We would gladly avoid.

As the Surgeons are of Opinion, that it will be absolutely necessary it should go to a more moderate Climate, on Account of the Wound which I received on the 13th of September, and the Winters here being very severe, I purpose appointing Brigadier Murray to act as Governor and Colonel Burton (who is second in Command) as Lieutenant Governor untill His Majesty's Pleasure be known, to which I have added the following very necessary Staff.

A Town Major

2 Town Adjutants for the upper & lower Towns

A Secretary

A Paymaster of the Publick Works.

A Barrack Master

A Boat Master to take care of the flatt-bottomed Boats and floating Batteries

with some few others of inferior Rank, as assistants.

As General Wolfe had appointed a Provost Martial, and had delayed giving Him a Warrant only for the Want of a Form, he being a very necessary Officer here I have given him a Warrant

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to act as such untill His Majesty's Pleasure be known.

General Wolfe and Admiral Saunders having some time ago agree'd to incorporate the men of Col. Strodes and Col. Colvil's Regiments (being about 230, serving as Marines under the Command of Maj. Hardy) into the Regiments here, I have complied with their Intentions, being for the Good of the Service, and I have ordered that the Agents of the several Regiments which receivd them, do give the usual Credit of £5, ꝑ Man to the Agents of Col. Strode's and Col. Colvil's Regiments.

The French Commissary of War having represented to me, the miserable State, the Grand Hospital (in which there are now upwards of 300 Sick & Wounded, 15 of which are French Officers, and about 80 Soldiers Prisoners of War 40 Religieuse and Servants attending the same) must be reduc'd to, without some assistance from us, and M. Vaudreuil having acquainted me with His Inability to assist them, either with provisions or Money, except paper money, which is now of no value, all which I believe really to be true, and Mr. Bigou the Intendant being to give me Bills on their Treasury, and on His own Personal Credit, in case there should be

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a Plan of the Field of Battle, they were not finished in time to inclose with the other papers

The Engineers have been so hurried in making the very necessary Repairs, about the Garrison, that They have not been able to make an exact Plan of the Fortifications as yet, but I am in hopes Sir that I shall be able to send it to You, by the Ships The Admiral leaves here for some days after Himself.

I had forgot to mention a Return of the Killed & Wounded from the commencement of the Campaign, which I inclose —

I purpose remaining here untill I can hear with some certainty whether General Amherst will be able to advance, or not, which, as the Season is now so far advanced I am very doubtfull of —

As General Amherst's Intentions were that six Months subsistence for the Troops and a proper sum for the Contingencies of the Army should have come up the River — yet no more than £17,700 could be procured for these purposes and it being absolutely necessary that as much Cash should be kept here as possible, for the procuring Fresh Provisions and other Things from the Inhabitants, for the Sick, and which

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any delay in the former, I have therefore (as the 26th Article of the Cartel obliges us to take care of and feed the Wounded) advanced him £600 which is more convenient to us, and more agreeable to them than to maintain them ourselves.

As the Staff of this Army will now be at an end I inclose You Sir, an Account of the different places they severally go to.

As it is necessary for me to give some Reasons for my leaving so strong a Garrison here, give me leave Sir to offer the following, which are First, - The great Extent of the Town which in many places is liable to Insult renders a strong Garrison very requisite,

secondly The heavy Snows which fall here, often filling up the Ditch The Garrison, should it not be constantly kept clear, would be subject to Surprises, therefore a strong Garrison is necessary - Lastly Sir - should any further operations be carried on here in the Spring the Troops will be at hand to act imediatly these Reasons will I hope be approved of.

Brigadier Genl. Townshend will deliver You a Draught of the Enemys Intrenchments, from the River St Charles to the Falls of Montmorency and

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will likewise prevent them from carrying such Refreshments to the French - The Admiral has been so good as to collect from the Officers of the several Ships of War upwards of £3000 which, with His Advice, I have to repay it, drawn upon the Paymaster General in favour of Mr Saunders for £3365 - of which I shall give the Paymaster General Advice and I hope You will Sir (seeing the necessity I was under to take such a Step) forward the Payment of it.

The Admiral has sent a Sloop of War, by my desire, to New York for a Supply of money, but as She had a long passage down the River We cannot hope for her returning here this Year, and I must beg leave to observe to You that the Troops are only paid up to the 24th of August last.

I should be highly deficient did I not mention the great assistance The Admiral has on all Occasions, given to us, throughout the Campaign, and in landing our Stores and Provisions for the Garrison

I have the Honour to be
with the Greatest Respect
Sir / Your Most Obedient
& Humble Servt
Robt Monckton.

The Rt Honble Willm Pitt Esqr

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De Par Son Excellence Robert Monckton Ecuyer, Colonel D' Infanterie, Lieutenant Gouverneur de La Nouvelle Ecosse, et de la Garnison D' Annapolis Royale, Brigadier General, et Commandant en Chef des Troupes de Sa Majesté Britannique dans la Riviere de St. Laurent.

Nonobstant L' Opiniatreté des Canadiens, a Refuser les Propositions Equitables, qui leur ont eté faites de la Part de Sa Majesté Britannique par Monsieur Le General Wolfe; Quoique ils ayent continués non Seulement de porter les Armes, mais meme de faire la Guerre d'une Façon Barbare et Cruelle, Cause tres Juste de leur Chatiment et Defaite: A cette heure, qu'ils n'ont rien de plus a esperer, et qu'ils sont dans notre pouvoir, Desirant leur montrer (Malgré leur Conduite imprudente) Toute Sorte de Compassion, et une Attention tendre et Charitable pour Eux et leur Familles, Je Declare, et Fais Sçavoir a tous par ces presentes, "Que les Canadiens "peuvent s'en retourner dans leur Paroisses, prendre "possession de leurs propres Terres, Habitations et "Effets, faire leur Recoltes, Jouir de leur Religion, sans Recevoir le moindre Empechement de la part des Anglois, qui ne sont pas venus pour ruiner et detruire les Canadiens, Mais pour leur faire

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Gouter les Douceurs d'un Gouvernement Juste, et Equitable, Pourvu Qu'eux de leur part, rendent les Armes, prennent le Serment de Fidelité, et demeurent ches eux en Repos.

Fait a Quebec ce 22eme. Sep^{bre}. 1759. et Scellé du Sceau de nos Armes.

Endorsed Manifesto.| in B: G: Moncktons of Octr. 8th.| 1759. |1.

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An Account of the Guns, Mortars, Ammunition, Small Arms &c found in the City of Quebec upon its surrender to His Majesty's Troops the 18th September 1759.

Brass Ordnance	6 Pounders	1
	4	3
	2	2
Iron Ordnance	36 Pounders	10
	24	45
	18	18
	12	13
	8	43
	6	66
	4	30
	3	7
	2	3
Brass Mortars	13 Inch	1
Brass Howitzers	8 Inch	3
Iron Mortars	13	9
	10	1
	8	3
	7	2
Shells	13	770
	10	150
	8	90
	6	
Brass Petards		2

With a considerable Quantity of Powder, Ball, Small Arms, Intrenching-Tools &c the Number of which cannot at present be ascertaind

John Godwin
Major Rl. Artillery

Endorsed Return of | Ammunition, Guns, | Mortars &c found it Quebec 18th September | 1759 | in B: G: Monckton's of Octr. 8th. 1759 | 4

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Return of French Iron Ordnance — between the River St. Charles and Montmorenci.

Names of the Batteries	Nature	No. of Guns
Passage		3
Royal	6 Pounders	4
De la Rousule	9	3
St. Charles	12	3
Aux Pretre	12	2
De Paren	9	3
la Cheerie	9	3
Floating Battery	from 12 to 24	12
Beau Porte	16	4
la Attack	12	3
Maser de Blacke	7	5
	12	2
	18	1
	24	1
		39

Two 13 Inch Mortars, with 14 fix'd & 54 Empty Shells

N: B Four French six Pounders, and one English Brass three Pounder, sent to England and not included in the above Return.

John Godwin
Major Rl. Artillery

Quebec 10th October 1759

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Memoire pour servir d'instruction à M. de Boishebert chevr. de St Louis capitaine d'une compagnie des troupes du detachement de la Marine.

M. de Boishebert est aussi exactement instruit que nous de la situation de la Riviere St jean, de Miramichis ainsi que des accadiens et sauvages qui habitent ou sont refugiés dans ces deux postes ou dans les environs, il a pris toutes les connaissances nécéssaires à cet égard l'automne dernier et nous lui avons fait part des comptes qui nous ont été rendus par Mr. de Boucherville et de Niverville.

Le dt. S. de Boishebert ne menera en partant de quebec que le moins de monde qu'il pourra étant important eu égard à la dizette où nous sommes des vivres de menager ceux que nous ferons passer au portage themiskouata.

Nous sommes dans la confiance que M. de Boucherville et les Missionnaires qui sont auprès des accadiens et des sauvages auront suivant nos intentions réuni les uns et les autres afin qu'ils puissent prendre tel parti que les circonstances pourront exiger.

Il sera de la prudence du dt. S. de

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Boishebert de prendre les arrangemens les plus solides pour faire passer par la voye la plus sure dans le coeur de cette colonie les accadiens et les sauvages mais il ne fera cette transmigration que relativement aux ordres que nous lui donnerons, notre intentions étant de n'évacuer cette partie que lorsque nous nous verons dans une impossibilité absolue de la soutenir.

Il surveillera essenciellement à la sureté des accadiens et des sauvages et prendra les plus justes mesures pour éviter qu'aucun d'eux ne tombent entre les mains des anglais.

Quant aux sauvages de la Mission du R. P. Germain qui sont actuellement à Kamouraska il concertera avec ce Missionnaire le parti qui sera le plus convenable à leur egard.

Nous sommes bien persuadés que Mrs les Missionnaires qui sont auprès de ces accadiens et sauvages concourront chacun de leur mieux à l'exécution de nos intentions.

Le parti que M. de Boucherville a envoyé aux environs de Beauséjour aura vraisemblablement eu quelque succès, nous esperons aussi que M. de Niverville aura de son côté

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fait faire quelques prisonniers et que d'une façon ou de l'autre M. de Boishebert sera instruit de la situation et des vües de nos ennemis nous lui recommandons de faire son possible pour y penetrer nonseulement pour ce qui concerne la partie de l'accadie mais même par raport à tous les autres projets qu'il pourroit avoir formés sur cette colonie. il aura une attention particuliere à nous en instruire.

Nous sommes bien persuadés que M. de Boishebert saisira et recherchera même toutes les occasions pour nuire à nos ennemis, mettre obstacle à leurs projets et arreter leurs progrets, mais nous ne pouvons lui préscrire rien de positif à cet égard, les mouvemens qu'il pourroit faire étant subordonnés à la situation où se trouveront les accadiens et les sauvages et aux ressources qu'il pourra avoir pour les faire agir.

Il hatera dés la prime de la Navigation le depart des Batimens qui sont destinés à aller chercher des morues à Gaspé ou à la grande Riviere il excitera d'ailleurs les accadiens et les sauvages à se procurer par leur industrie à la chasse et à la pêche des ressources pour vivre et pour suppléer

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aux secours que nous ne sommes point pre=
=sentement en état de leur faire passer.

Nous nous proposons de faire part à M de Boishebert des premières nouvelles que nous aurons de la Cour mais dans le cas que les deux couronnes eussent fait leur paix nous le prevenons qu'il doit se tenir toujours en état de se maintenir dans les postes que nous occupons et même de rentrer dans la possession du terrein que les anglais pourroient abandonner, il en sent lui même toute la consequence.

Nous nous en raportons à M de Bois=
=hebert pour tout ce qui concerne la destination des Mrs de Beaubassin, de Villejoin et des autres officiers qui sont sous ses ordres. nous nous en raportons aussi à lui sur tous les cas aux quels nous ne pouvons prévoir connaissant son zéle et l'expérience qu'il s'est acquise dans la partie que nous lui avons confiée.

Fait à Montreal le 5. Mars 1759.

Vaudreüil

Endorsed Marquis de Vaudreuil's / Orders to Capt. / Boisheberé / in B: G: Monckton's of Octr. 8th / 1759 / 6

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Quebec 7. Juins 1759.

J'ai reçu, Monsieur, la lettre que vous m'avés fait l'honneur de m'écrire le 6. de ce mois.

Je ferai partir incessamment les 100. hommes que vous m'avés demandé ils porteront avec eux des vivres pour 12. jours mais vous les conserverés précieusement si vous pouvés vous en passer en donnant à ce detachement de la Viande.

les feux de Signaux parurent à la pointe de levis hier sur les huit heures nous ne sçaurons positivement ce qu'ils nous annoncent que lorsque les depeches de M. aubert me seront parvenües.

il ne faut point se flater le gros de la flote anglaise ne peut tarder à paraître. le premier vent de Nord-est peut nous l'amener ainsi, Monsieur, il faut que vous employés toutes vos ressources et vôtre credit auprés des habitans pour qu'ils se hâtent à placer leur familles et leurs animaux aussi avant dans les profondeurs des bois qu'il sera possible. ce n'est que sous cette condition que j'ai eu égard à leurs representations. dites leur bien positivement que leur transmigration m'en expressément ordonné par le Roy dans l'unique vüe de prévenir

le triste sort que les anglais se préparent à leur faire subir. leur projet étant de massacrer tout ce qui est canadien sans distinction de sexe ni d'age ce ne sera par conséquence qu'en se retirant dans les profondeurs les plus reculées des bois que leurs familles pourront être en sureté car les anglais ne manqueront pas de faire chercher ces familles par des coureurs de bois. cette retraite presse plus que je ne saurois vous le dire c'est dans la vüe de l'accelerer que je vais vous envoyer les 100. canadiens que vous avés demandés au moyen de quoy vous pourrés renvoyer les habitans qui sont près de vous auprès de leur famille pour accelerer toutes choses dites leur bien positivement que le moindre retardement peut occasionner la perte totale de leurs familles et de leurs animaux. je compte que le premier courier que vous m'expedirés m'apprendra que telle operation est bien avancée.

Je vous réitere que tous les hommes en état de porter les armes depuis quinze ans ensus doivent se tenir prets à joindre l'armée au premier ordre avec armes et bagage. avertissés les tous que j'en ferai faire la revüe exacte comp^{e} par comp^{e} et que quelque amour que

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j'aye pour tout ce qui en canadien je ne pourrai éviter de faire un exemple de ceux qui ne s'y trouveront pas.

adressés vous je vous prie à Mrs les Curés. communiqués leur ma lettre elle servira pour eux comme pour vous je reclame avec instance au nom du Roy leur zéle pour la Religion et pour la conservation de leurs paroissiens afin qu'ils leur fassent connaitre les puissans motifs de mes intentions et qu'ils les leur fassent mettre à exécution.

J'écris à M. de Montesson une lettres pareille à celles cy, quoiqu'il ait déja consequem-ment mes ordres. je lui recommande de hâter toutes choses et je vous reitere à vous comme à lui que le moindre retardement peut avoir les suites les plus facheuses.

J'ai l'honneur d'être trés sincerement Monsieur, votre trés humble et trés obéissant serviteur.

Vaudreuil.

Vous pensés bien Monsieur, que les familles qui voudront transmigrer seront facilitées pour le transport de leurs bestiaux et de leurs effets. s'ils s'en presentent qui prennent ce parti vous pourrés leur procurer des batteaux.

M. de Lery.

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Disposal of the Staff of the Army up the River St. Laurence.—

Brigadier General Monckton to New York.—
Brigadier General Townsend to England.—
Brigadier General Murray Remains at Quebec
Colonel Carlton Quarter Master General to England
Major Barré to General Amherst
Captn. Leslie Assistant Quarter Master General Remains at Quebec.—
Captn. Caldwell Assistant Quarter Master General to England to join his Regiment.—
Captn. Bell Aid de Camp to late General Wolfe to England to join his Regiment.—
Captn. Smith Aid de Camp to late General Wolfe by Leave to England on his private Affairs.—
Brigade Majrs. Maitland & Dobson remains at Quebec
Brigade Majr. Guilham prefer'd Returns to his Regt.
Brigade Majr. Spital badly Wounded to New York

Robt. Monckton
Brigdr. Genl.

Endorsed Disposal of | The Staff.— | in B: G: Monckton's of Octr. 8th | 1759 | 8

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Quebec 12th October 1759.

Sir.

As I have the honor to be left here with the command of the Troops to maintain the conquest of Quebec and the Adjacent country, I think it my duty to lay before you what I think the Situation of it.

The fortifications are very inconsiderable. I can look upon the place in no other light than that of a very strong Cantonment, and the Works which I shall add will be in that Stile. The troops will amount to Six thousand, not very sickly, considering the fatigues of the Campaign. We have Provisions in abundance, & I flatter myself from the Valor of the Soldiers and the confidence they have in their Officers You will hear good news from us in the Spring.

Snow Shoes, and materials for a winter Expedition are provided, should the Chevalier de Levi be imprudent enough to take up his Cantonment within our reach, he may repent it. At any rate we shall visit him in the Spring, with our boats, assoon as the River is open. I fear little can be done by surprize by land, there is but one road, and the people of the Country are all naturally in the interest of the Enemy. I am

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hopefull however in a short time it may be other=
=wise; The Lenity, and Justice of our Government will probably have their Effects.

Floating Batteries, and Craft accomo=
=dated to the nature of the river St. Laurence, have been found by experience to be absolutely necessary; no doubt the Admiral, and General Monkton will report, that they should not be forgot in the Equipments for the ensuing Campaign, I shall not be idle in contributing something towards it, by obeying Mr. Monktons orders, to build as many floating batteries as I can, after the French Model.

Fireing will be a dear, and troublesome Article here, but on the other hand, little will be laid out in repairing, or adding to the fortifications.

I may labor under one difficulty, the want of money: Altho' General Monkton has left all he could, it is a trifling sum to answer every expence; Subsistance of the Troops, provision of Fuel, and all contingencies to answer these several purposes, I shall be obliged to endeavour a circulation of paper, and it can obtain credit, only, by a promise to sink it upon the Arrival of the first Ships from Europe, which I hope you will enable me to do effectually.

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I must entreat Sir! You would assure his Majesty, that I shall exert every faculty for his service, and the publick good, every branch of which shall be attended to with the outmost deligence, at the same time that the greatest Oeconomy shall be used, wherever it cannot prejudice.

When a convenient opportunity shall offer, I will take care to correspond with General Amherst, and shall endeavour to prepare matters in the Spring, as far as they depend on this Garrison, towards com=pleating the conquest of this country.

For further particulars, I shall refer my self to General Monktons Report to you, of the state of his Majestys Affairs in this country, and take the liberty to assure You, I am with the greatest respect,

Sir!

Your most obedient, & most humble Servant

Ja. Murray

Endorsed Quebec Octr 12th 1759 Govr Murray / Rd Decr 26th

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Sir

I duely Received Your favours o' the 9th and 18th Septr last, by Lt Col. Amherst; The first Brought Me his Majesty's Commission as Governour of Louisbourg &c. — Duely Sensible of the important Trust Reposed in Me, I beg Leave to Assure You, and I desire that You will inform his Majesty, that I will do every Thing in my Power, for the Defence, Safety, and Preservation of the Places entrusted to my care & thereby to Answer his Majesty's Intentions in the Commission with which He has been graciously Pleased to Honour Me.

The Letters which I had the Honour of writing to You, of Dates Septr 20th & November 6th and which I hope You have long 'ere now Received, Require but very little being Added, to give You an Idea of our Situation at this Place. Before the Severity of Weather Sett in the Mens Barracks were so far Repaired, as to be Wind, and Water, Tight; And all the Artifficers, have been constantly Employed Since, and will be Continued untill They are in every Thing as Comfortable as possible.

I Observe that three thousand Chaldron of Coals are Contracted for, and to be Sent here-

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They will be a very Comfortable Relief: For Not-withstanding, We have Exerted Ourselves, as much as possible, in providing for that Article, and Wood, Yet before the Spring had Opened, We must have been Reduced to Distress.

His Majesty's Ship Arundel, and one of the Transports with Coals, the Cong Capt Hammond having on board 216 Chald^rs Arrived the 3^d Instant; and on the 7th the Oliver Ouchterlony Master, with 239 Chaldrons, and the Palmer Gooch Master, with 122 Chaldrons, also Arrived: They have had a great deal of bad Wea^r and Contrary Winds. The Fleet was Seperated Soon after Sailing, and They have not Seen any more of Them Since.

The Arrival of the Rest, (as the Cold Weather is now quite Sett in) being therefore very uncertain, I keep a Party of Wood Cutters, preparing Wood, which when the Snow is hard on the Ground will be Brought in by Hand Sleys: so that I hope We Shall Experience no great Distress, before the Other Ships Arrive: and hereafter I think We shall be always able to provide during the Summer: Especialy as I have taken the Precaution, to keep a Party, with the Miners, at the Colliery all Winter.

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which must be done every Year. — Our first Work, when the Spring Opens, must be to Build a new Stage, or Wharff, at the Colliery; a Storm of Wind We had the 26th, and 27th Novemr Blew Up, and destroyed entirely the One which was There.

On the 14th Curret his Majesty's Ship Arundel Sailed for Antigua.

I have for this Winter, Ordered to be Sent from Boston, by every Vessel, from Thence, as much Straw as possible, for the Soldiers Beds, in the Barracks: But besides that this Supply is very precarious, and uncertain, (which we have already Experienced) It Really in this Climate is not of Sufficient Warmth for the Men; I therefore would humbly Recommend that Barrack Beds were Sent Out. I also have only ordered Blankets for the Beds, but if Coarse Sheets were Allowed, by being more cleanly, They would be more healthy; Two Blankets, for each Bed, holding two Men are Ordered, I Sub-mitt whether a Coverlid would not be also Necessary, in this cold Climate.

The Men are now but Awkwardly Provided with Quarters, being obliged to be distributed all over the Houses of the Town; the two publick Buildings of Barracks, which held

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upwards of two thousand Men, being during the Siege Burnt to the Ground; It is not for Me to determine, how far its proper or not to give Orders for the Rebuilding of These; as doubtless They will be a great Charge to the publick. — But in Them the Men would be much better Lodged, and if this Continues a British Settlement it will be Absolutely Necessary, to make Room for many People that the Fishery and Trade will draw hither.

I have already, Applyed for Instructions, for my Government, in the publick Cappacity, his Majesty's Pleasure has Now Called upon Me to act; which I make no doubt, will be Sent to Me, by first Opportunity. They will be very Acceptable; Commerce, and other Motives, Drawing together many People here, besides the Military, and a Number of People, of different Views and Interests Require more Extensive Regulations; In the Meantime I shall do my best for maintaining Order and doing Justice to All.

Accidents by Sea, and of Other kinds Require that some sort of Publick Register of Protests, and Other Writings, should be keep'd Which I have directed William Buttar to do by a Warrant; granting Such like Powers, as are

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given to a Notary Publick, as also to take Affi-
-davids, upon all Occasions when Necessary.
He or some Other Person, in my Opinion should
be Confirmed in such a kind of Office.

Some difficultys, have already Arisen
in Regard to the Condemning of prize Vessells
brought in here. And as the Situation of this
Port is Such, that in the Spring, many Prizes,
bound to Quebeck, may be Expected to be
Sent here; I Submitt, whither a Court of
Vice Admiralty, would not be a publick Benefit.

Lord Rollo, having Settled a Garrison
on the Island of St. Johns, Returned here in
November, with the Remainder of his Detach-
-ment; One of the Transports, having part
of his People aboard was Stranded, and lost,
on the Island Madam. the Officers, and Men,
were taken up by one of the Cartel Ships, and
Sent here.

On the 14th. Novemr: a Sloop Sailed
from hence for St. Johns with Stores; She is
not yet Returned: nor have We any Advices
from that place. The Navigation from
hence to there is bad, and even Impractic-
-able for the greatest part of the Winter, Untill
within this Fourtnight past. We have had

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Moderate Weather hithertoo; Only Now, and then Some hard Gales of Wind.

Your Letter o' the 18th Septr informed Me of Major General Amherst's being Appointed Commander in Chief of his Majestys Forces in North America, and directed Me to Apply to, and Correspond with Him on all Matters relat-ing to the King's Service. I have Accordingly Wrote to Him on that Head, Signifying my Readiness to Execute any of his Commands: I Shall likewise be Carefull to Communicate every Thing to Him which can in any Shape forward the publick Service.

I have the Honour to be with great Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient
and most humble Serv.t
Edw.d Whitmore

Louisbourg Jan.ry 22d 1759

The Right Hon.ble William Pitt Esq.r

Endorsed Louisburg. Jan.ry 22d 1759 / Gov.r Whitmore / Rc March 30th

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Sir

I have Now the Honor to Acknowledge Receipt of Your Letter to Me o' the 29th Decem' last Signifying His Majesty's Pleasure that a part of the Troops which have been in Garrison here Should be Employed on a particular Expedition; As this Letter did not come to my Hands untill a few Days ago I had sometime before Received Orders from General Amherst that Bragg's Regiment & the Companys of Granadiers of the Other three Regiments in Garrison Should prepare to Embarke under Major General Woolfe upon the Expedition which They accordingly are now Ready to Do.

To Supply the Place of Them, Genl. Amherst has Ordered One thousand Provincials to be Sent Here, The inferiour Force of the Enemy at Sea, and the full Employment They have to Defend what They have left in this Country Renders it very Improbable that They should make any Attempt to Regain this Important Place so that I think no Inconveniency can Arrise from Weakening the Garrison by this Exchange.

Admirial Saunders and Admiral Holmes Arrived Here the 15th with the Generals Woolfe

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Townsend and Murray and on the 17th Col. Frazers Battalion of Highlanders Arrived which are All of the Regiments that are Yet come, but All the Others are Hourly Expected.

Admiral Durell is Sailed up the River with ten Men of War of the Line, having on board some Troops with Orders as I am told to take Post at the Island of Bick, One of the Men of War has taken a Spanish Ship Loaded for Quebeck.

At same time that I had the Honour of Receiving Your Letter I had One from Lord Barrington of a very old Date the 6th Novemr. last informing Me that his Majesty had been graciously Pleased to leave the Appointment of Staff Officers of this Garrison to Me, and Directing Me to Transmitt a List of them: I have Wrote to His Lordship on that Subject. I sent a List of the Appointments I had made by the Advice of Genl. Amherst in the Letter I had the Honour of Writing to You on the 30th Septr. last and which I sent by Admiral Boscawen; The List I now Send to His Lordship is Agreeable thereto and I here enclose a Copy thereof.

Three more Coal Ships are Arrived the 11th 13th & 15th Instant Vizt. the Joseph, the St. Kitts Merchant and the Sterling having on board 538 Chaldrons.

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Coals are prepared at the Colliery for the Ensueing Winter, and (the Ice being within these few Days gone off the Coast) I have begun to Send Vessells in Order to bring in a Part thereof and also Some Wood that is already Cutt at Miray

The Ships freighted by Messrs Nesbit & Colebrooke to bring Provissions from Ireland for the Service of this Garrison have been drove to the West Indies — I have Received a Letter from Mr Daniel Shea their Agent; dated at Antigua March 20th Acquainting Me of the Distresses they had Mett with; that the Ship He was in, and Several Others were Obliged by Order of Commodore Moore to dispose of their Provissions for the Service of the Fleet being in great want thereof. He further Says that Several Other Ships were coming out with Provissions which We may daily Expect; that He was to take His Passage in the first Vessel bound to Philadelphia or New York in order to provide Bread & Flower, And I hope there is no Danger of our being in want as We have Six Weeks Provissns in Stores belonging to the Old Contractors.

I have the Honour to be with great Respect

Sir / Your Most Obedient

and most Humble Servant

Louisbourg May 20th 1759. Edwd Whitmore.

The Right Honble William Pitt Esqr

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List of Staff Officers in the Garrison of Louisbourg Anno 1759.

Offices	Names.	Pay ℔ Day		
Governour	Brigr Genl Ed Whitmore	1	–	–
Lt Governour		..	10	–
Town Major	Capt Christopher French	..	4	–
Commissary of Stores and Provisions		..	4	–
Commissary of Musters Deputy Judge Advocate			4	–
Chaplain		..	6	8
Surgeon		..	10	–
Two Mates	Each 5/	..	10	–
Apothecary		..	10	–
One Mate		..	5	–
Captain of the Port	Franc Christr Strasburger	..	4	–
Barrack Master	William Russell	..	4	–
Town Adjutant	William Neal	..	3	–
Secretary	William Buttar	..	10	–
Treasurer	Capt St John Campbell	..	5	–
Naval Officer	William Buttar	–	–	–
Vendue Master	Ditto	–	–	–

Edwd Whitmore

By Command of the Governour

W. Buttar.

Endorsed in Govr Whitmore's of May 20th/1759.

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Sir,

The Ship Cumberland with Coals is this Minute arrived I observe that some Navy Stores were taken out of her at Antigua (she having been blown off from this Coast in the Winter and went to that place) by order of Commodore Moore I observe also that Twenty Bales of Bedding were taken out of her for which there appeared no Bill of Lading and of which there does not seem to have been any necessity Now as I apprehend that Bedding is indispensibly necessary for the preservation of this Garrison as I have represented in former Letters, and as it is not unlikely that these Bales of Bedding were intended for Barrack Beds for this place I thot it my duty to acquaint you of their being left at Antigua that so a supply may be sent in due time before the Winter sets in here for which purpose I think the Ship ought to Sail from England about the Middle of August at farthest. — I have the Honour to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

& most Humble

Louisbourg June 7th 1759. Servant

Edwd. Whitmore.

Endorsed Louisbourg June 7th 1759. Govr Whitmore / R. July 2d by Capt Campbell.

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Secret.)

List of Papers, delivered to the Earl of Loudoun May 7th 1756.

Secret Letter from Mr. Fox to his Lordship, dated May 1756 Inclosing.

Copy of an intercepted Letter, directed to the Duc de Mirepoix, dated America Janry 6th 1756.

Original of a second intercepted Letter, directed to the Duc de Mirepoix, dated America March 1st 1756.

Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Halifax to Sir Chas. Hardy, dated March 19th 1756.

Copy of a Report made by the Commrs. employed on the part of Pensylvania, at the Meeting at Albany, in 1754.

Additional Instructions for Major Genl. Johnson, relative to the Indians of the Six Nations, under his Command.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Pitcher to Mr. Fox, dated New York Febry 23d. 1756.

Extracts of Two Letters from Pensylvania, dated Febry 19th. 1756.

Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Halifax to Major General Shirley, dated April 1st 1756. [2]

Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Halifax to Sir Chas. Hardy, dated March 31st 1756.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Fox to Colo. Webb, dated March 31st. 1756.

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Original Letter from James Allen to Mr Henry Gamble
— at Londonderry, dated Philadelphia March 3d. 1756.

Two Original Letters, dated Dublin April 28th 1756, from Mr. Wm Gamble; The one directed to Mr. Redmd. Coningham, the Other, to Mr Robt. Gamble,
— at Philadelphia.

NB. The Two following Papers were sent to the Earl of
— Loudoun, May 8th. 1756
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Extract of a Letter from the Duke of Devonshire to
— Mr. Fox. Dublin May 5th. 1756.

Copy of an Intercepted Letter from Filius Galliæ. to the Duc de Mirepoix, dated America March 19th
— 1756

Sent to the Earl of Loudoun May 11th. 1756.

[3] /Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Halifax to Mr. Fox, dated May 9th 1756.

[4.] Endorsed List of Papers, delivered / to the Earl of Loudoun / May 7th. 1756. / Secret.

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Whitehall. May 7th 1756 5.

Earl of Loudoun.

Secret

My Lord,

I have the King's Commands to acquaint Your Lordship with what has been done, in consequence of Two very extraord:inary intercepted Letters, from an unknown Person, in America, addressed to the Duc de Mirepoix; Of the first Letter I inclose a Copy only, the Original being in the Hands of Colonel Webb; but you will find the Second herewith, as It was received.

Your Lordship will see by the inclosed Copies of the Earl of Halifax's, and /my Letters to Sir Charles Hardy, Govr Shirley, and Colonel Webb, together with some Papers therein refer'd to, the first Steps that were taken here, in consequence of this Discovery.- But, since the Departure of Colonel Webb, a Duplicate of the second of these inter:cepted Letters, having been sent to London:-derry in Ireland; by a Person, under the Name of James Allen of Philadelphia, under Cover of the inclosed Letter to Mr Gamble of that Place, and transmitted to [6]

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me by the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Lieut.t of Ireland; I immediately/desired His Grace [7] would procure the Letters which I send in:closed, to Master Gamble, & Mr. Redmond Cunningham, whereby Your Lordship may probably be able to discover, by whom the said intercepted Letters were wrote; And will prosecute the Author, or Authors of Them, there, or send them to England, as Your Lordship shall think most advisable.

I am &ca.

H: Fox.

[8] Endorsed Drat. to the Earl of/ Loudoun./ May 7th. 1756./ Secret.

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Jan.y 12th 1756 — 9.

The Original I have Sent under Cover to Mr. John de Neufville Merchant at Amsterdam to be forwarded from New York p the Nightengale Man of War, which I heard was soon to Sail the Express to London

My Serjeants have within these 3 days Enlisted 600 Men, my complim is to be 15000, and if I shou'd have occasion I beleive I cou'd raise 50,000 in Pensilvania Government only, for there has been yearly vast numbers of Germans import=ed from Holland, who are very poor and wou'd be glad to do any thing for a living as most of them are oblig'd to Sell themselves to pay their Passage thither; These people I am perswaded, it wou'd be a matter of Indifference to them (if they were paid) whom they Serv'd; whether The King /of France or The King of England, and I know most of them woud from principle rather choose to Serve my Royal Master [10]

There has also been from time, to Time, transported from England vast Numbers of Irish, to Virginia & Philadelphia for the Peopling The Kings Plantations most of these are of the true Ro=man Catholick Faith

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There has also been continually transported from England to the above places, what they call Convicts, for crimes comitted there, for which they are Sold in slavery for Seven Years- Some of these that I have happen'd to Speak to, have profess'd the true Catholick Religion, but their Re=ligion is much the same with most of the Here=ticks in this Country, who (by what I can perceive)
[11.] mind no other than that of getting Money, & may be hir'd to do any thing.

We have an Account here that a Body of Eleven hundred Indians had appeard at Goshen & behavd very insolently that all the Country ther=abouts were in alarm, they were said to be Dela=war Indians, who always had profess'd themselves freinds to the English- But of late seem'd to be wavering.

Goshen is between New York & Albany up Hudsons River (call'd at New York the North River) back of the Highlands, on the other Side the River with New York- at 60 miles from New York—

N. B. We've had the Winter hitherto very moder=ate almost every day like Spring & can't hear of any Snow being fall'n yet to the North=ward-

Endorsed

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[12]

Endorsed Copy of an Intercepted / Letter. — directed / a Mon Seigneur / Mon. Seigneur Le / Duc de Mirepoix / a Paris. / came inclosing the / long letter herewith / sent, to the sd. Duc de / Mirepoix came from N. York by / an English Sloop. / The Original of this Letter / was given to Colo. Webb.

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America Jan.ry 6th 1756

May it lease your Grace

This may perhaps be somewhat surprising &c.a but let it not offend your Grace, for in the Deepest Humility I I beg Leave to approach yr. Gr: and Let me implore yr. Gr.s patience to hear me. I shall not here presume to make an apology, as time not place'll permitt, but hereafter, when I shall dare to Discover my Self, and when I find this'll be acceptable — I trust yr. Goodness 'll Excuse me; I doubt not but I shall find favour and protection with his Majesty, whose Pa=ternal goodness to his Subjects I am too Sensible off — neither shall I here disclose my whole Scheme, but only by hints & Insinuations give yr. Gr: a Small Idea of my Designs; (in be=half of his most Chrestian Majesty agst. ye English) by wch. yr. Gr:'ll see that what I am abt. to undertake is easiely accomplished — There=fore Let me earnestly beseech yr. Gr: to Grant me yr. aid & assistance on this occasion, since ye. Honour & Glory of our Grand Monarch Lewis ye fifteenth is Concerned therein —; whose honnour &c.a I shall always think myself Justified in, to De=fend, tho' I prove false to those who employ me agst. his Majesty, or his Subjects and as I place my

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Confidence in yr. Lp. & yr. Lp: is the only Person in the world I now Disclose my thots. to, I rely and earnestly entreat yr. Lp: to keep this secret, for should it be discovered & get to the ears of the English, yr. Lp: must be Sencible what would be ye Conse:=quence; for altho' I'm unknown to yr. Lp: I am not so to ye English I am well perswaded of yr. Lps. Interist at Court, & Loyalty to his Majesty, & beg when yr. Lp: has read these imperfect lines (if yr. Lp. thinks fitt) to Communicate 'em in a better Language to ye Prime Minister and let me entreat yr. Lp: to pay a due regard to what I'm abt. to write: tho' it be done in this un:=genteel illiterate &ca a manner, and let not my honest & sinere Intentions towards his most Chris:=tian Majesty (the best of Kings) be disregarded, for want of a Proper Diction, and for want of pro:=perly adressing yr. Lp: for must confess I was not bred a Scholar, but a Soldier— and even am much hurried in writing this; but rely on yr. Lps. goodness to pardon me hereafter what I now do amiss, when yr. Lp: Shall hear of ye Good effect of it. I take ye liberty of writing to yr. Lp: in English (as I've my reasons for it) not doubting, but yr. Lp: is well acquainted with that Language— but if yr. Lp: vouchsafes to write to me

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Perticular, desire it might be in French, for I under=stand that Language well; & also most of the Indian Languages in this Country— before I finish this 'll give yr. Lp: Proper Directions to me. I am obliged to write this with my own hand for dare not Confide in any but shant dare to fix my name or place of abode &ca — yr. Lp: must doubtlessly be acquainted with North america, its fine Countries, vast extent &c &: the Consider=able advantage, it 'll be to the Power that Con=quers it; and yr. Lp: must also 'ere this be ac=quainted with what has Lately been transacted in this part of ye World— I am Looked on in these parts, a faithfull true & Loyal Subject of King George, but Confess to yr. Lp: that my heart is & alway was for his most Christian Majesty his religion & Country— I've some time ago, been very ill used by the English Governours here have within these 15 days, been Solicited to be at ye head off a Considerable army to be raised this winter in Pensylvenia Govern.t &c: to be ready by next Spring, to march agst Fort du Quesne on ye Ohio &ca: I shall take care to Chuse out of ye Germans, Irish &ca such Officers & men, as I know are of ye true Roman Catholick faith & Disaffected to the Govern.t. NB:— wen Ohio is a fine [14]

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Country & worth Contending for — its yet mostly In=habited by Indians —. Fort due Quesne is abt. 360 miles, back of Virginia and Philadelphia, shall have a Long march of it. Fort du Quesne is much further from Canada, but its by Water down a river; I think its about 900 miles — I woud earnestly entreat yr. Lp: to Cause to be sent unto me Proper letters of his Majestys aprobation favour &c: to his People, wch I might show to such of ye army when on the March, as I know I shall prevail on; but desire such writings may be done in English and some of em in ye German Tongue, as few People here understand ye French Language, this I leave to yr. Lp: to order it as it shoud be, shoud also be glad of yr. Lps: advice to me; and beg yr. Lp. woud also order me a Sum of money with his most Christian Majesty Impression on it, to Distri=bute among ye Soldiers & Indians (and to make presents to some Great men) to gain them on my Side and also abt. one thousand Swords to pre=sent to ye officers; it woud greatly Influence 'em I woud not have yr. Lp. immagine, I Desire ye least of what I now ask for, for my self; on the Con=trary I assure yr. Lp: that had I ability of my self only my Zeal, for my Royal Master is such, that I woud go thro' ye whole without Craving any

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assistance (or Perish in y^e attempt) Confiding in his Majestys goodness to Consider me hereafter — as I shall render a just acco^t of every thing y^r. Gr: 'll be pleased to Comitt to my care, So I expect his Majesty 'll be repaid ye Charge I now desire he may be put to —

The raising, Cloathing & arming ye army'll be at the expence of ye Different Govern^ts for whose service it's supposed I raise it — The money I ask for is only to gain ye army for his Majesty; (that all Powerfull Metal gains all things) and if y^r Grace 'll be pleased to order it as I shall mention, it 'll come Safe to my hands, tho' I shoud be on ye march or at Fort du Quesne. y^r Gr: may perhaps think it a risque to trust a man you don't know, & at such Distance but all ye Security I can at present give y^r Gr: is only my word of honour, & Can with a clear Conscience assure y^r Gr: that if you'll venture y^r Gr:'ll find it on a Sure Bottom neither woud I have y^r Gr: immagine that this writing may be the effect of a wild Brain &c^a because it's Jumbled together in an odd manner — [15]

NB: the raising this army is to be done very still & without Noise, Least the news might reach Canada, and this Serves my purpose best to chuse

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my men I also acquaint y^r. Gr: that I am not to be ready to march till next may, by order of Gov: Shirley who is Generalissimo of all the Kings forces in these parts - and y^r. Gr: may also depend, that I shall delay ye march as long as possible, on purpose to hear from y^r. Gr. - I rely on y^r. Gr: to send me such Letters &c^a by the first English Vessels next Spring, or fear I shan't so easiely be able to perswade y^e. People -: and when I have 'em shall send notice to y^e. Commanding officer at fort du Quesne, of my Intentions & shall also send letters to Canada & urge them also to be ready. — The armies of Govr. Shirley & General Johnson are Quartered this winter on the frontiers of New york (they cosist of ab^t. Eight thousand men) to be ready by next Spring; when they'll be made up to 15, or 16 thousand, to march ag^t. crown Point Niagara &c^a NB: Shirleys army is Intended ag^st Niagara, & Johnsons ag^st crown Point at y^e. Dis=tance of ab^t. 350 miles from each other; Shirleys army is now Quartered at oswego ab^t. 260 miles above Albany, and Johnsons at Lake Sacrament, where they've built a Strong fort since y^e. defeat of that worthy Gentl^m. mons^r. Le Baron de Dieskau many of Monsr. Dieskau's Soldiers, since y^e. Defeat are gone over to y^e. English - NB. the roads to y^e

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above Camps are very far & Difficult, particularly to Mr. Johnsons, w.ch is mostly by Land, so I Doubt if they'll be able to Carry their Provisions &c.a &c.a from Albany, so early as they expect, ab.t 40 waggons ent Dayly last Summer from Albany to Johnsons Camp, & coud only keep em in Pro=visions from hand to mouth. Shoud y.e above armies not be prevented in their Intentions, I Should be in very great pain for Canada — but am in hopes I shall be enabled to turn their force another way — They'll not be able to do any hurt there till ab.t next June or July, as y.e season is late there, it being so far to y.e North=ward — The late General Braddock's troops have been Drawn from y.e frontiers of Virginia &c.a to New york and have been Sent from thence up to albany to Join Gen.l Shirleys Regiment at Os=wego, (albany lies ab.t 150 miles above New york, up a very fine & navigable River) since these troops have been drawn from thence, The Indians in his most Christian Majesty Inter.t with those w.ch had been in y.e English Int.s before Braddock's de=feat, have fallen on y.e frontiers of Virginia, Mary=land, Pensylvania, Jersey's &c.a and Lay waste y.e country, Murder & Scalp maney of y.e people & Carry away some Captive — This is well pleasing [16.]

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to me because it excites y^e Govern^ts y^e more earnest to raise y^e money & Soldiers; (who are yet Disput=ing ab^t furnishing their Quotas of money) Phil^a has already granted sixty thousand pounds towards it. that City is much Devided, the Govr & assembly are at such varience, that their Disputes are to be transmited to England—. The Indians have advanced to ab^t 60 miles back of Phil^a and burnt up whole Villages; did they but know the Con=dition Phil^a is in at present they might do the same to that City; The armies of Shirley & John=son, are also much Devided, striving, who shall get the most money & honour by y^e expedition, (This is according to y^e English Disposition) I coud wish they woud get by y^e ears, as I shoud y^e more easily execute my Scheme—. I am assured of a Collonel, & 3 Capt^s Inter^s in Shirleys Regem^t provided I coud show them encouragement from home—. The Coll. informed me, in a Letter that Genl Johnson had told him, he woud lay down his Comm^d on acc^t of y^e Disputes between him & Shirley &c^a (NB: General Johnson was born=ed in Ireland, and has not been in this Country above 20 years; but on acc^t of his geting in with y^e Irroqois (wch y^e English call y^e five Nations) and having great Inter^s with them, he is at this time

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thus promoted; he is a man of abt. 40 years old, and has his seat in ye. Mohawks Country—. (N.B. The Governts. of Pensylvenia Jersey &c.a have sent out several detachements 2 & 3 hundred men agt. ye. Indians that invayeded them as above mentioned, but ye. detachements have Continualy been repulsed, & taken by them) The Govr. of New york is also out with Shirley—. If their Disputes have no other good Effect in my Behalf it will how ever retard their expeditions—. all Last Summer Shirlys army was doing nothing else but repairing fort oswego & building Vessels of war to Cruise on Lake ontario; if that had been a french army, it woud have taken Niagara (if it had been in the hands of ye English) and what ever else it wanted — but ye. English are a most dilatory, Indolent people, never in haste, but spend most of their time in drinking & jangling togather— They call themselves (forsooth, a free People; and indeed, I have found 'em so, for the meanest Soldier has as much to Say as his officer, there is no Governt. among 'em. but let me not find fault with their Dilatoriness & Indolence &c.a at present since it serves my purpose best, & 'll give time to have yr. Gr.s answer, & I expect to hear from yr. Grace, before any thing'll [17 No. 2]

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be done here to his Majestys Prejudice — & trust yr. Lp.
'll be as expeditious in sending to me as possible, as
I've been in writing to yr. Lp: — had not Monsr. Dies:
=kau, (whose defeat I hope to revenge) Come agst.
Johnson there woud've been no battle faught Last
Summer; and had not ye. Cannon, wch. ye. English
had and wch. ye. french army was not apprehen:
=sive off, put ye. Canadians & Indians in Con:
=fusion, in all Probability, that worthy Gentm. must
have beaten Johnson, for by what I coud per:
=ceive, ye. English were Struck with a Panick, &
were near ready to quit ye. field before that, and
whatever ye. English may boast of Victory, I must
say the behaved very ill, Considering their advantages
& numbers, — & can only impute it to a turn of
good fortune in favour of ye. English, rather than
Conduct, and altho' the french were beaten, there was
Considerable more of ye. English Killed in ye. ac:
=tion, than of ye. french — I am Credibly informed
that ye. Indians, on ye. back parts of ye. Countrys
above mentioned are become very numerous; if these
Creatures had Arms, & were properly Led forth, they
might do great execution: I doubt not but I shall
have 'em all with me next Summer, provided I
can Show them his Majestys letters &ca. wch. I shall
impatiently wait for — but shoud I not have 'em by

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that time, I shall be obliged, much agst. my will & Conscience to fight agst. my Bretheren ye french and those Indians wch have forsaken ye English Intr. since Braddocks Defeat must join me for their own Safety— If yr. Lp: shoud be dubious of ye truth of what I here relate of things here, I beg leave to referr yr. Lp: to ye Late news papers from these parts to this Inst: wherein yr. Lp: 'll find to agree with what I Say (except my De=sign agst. ye English) This yr. Lp: may Look on as Idle, as news papers, Contain often ye Greatest falsities; but I assure yr. Lp: that what=ever is therein related of things that happen in these parts, is fact yr. Lp: may have Sd. news papers of yr. Correspondances, from London & Holland, as it woud not do to enclose 'em here, for I woud fain have this Packett as small as possible and even as it is, I find it Difficult to have it Con=veyed/to yr. Lp: since yr. Lps: return from ye British Court, on accot. of ye approaching war with England [18] & ye perfidy of ye English; and shoud this letter not get safe to yr. Lp: & I not hear from yr. Lp: in time, I shoud Despair of Success, I In=tended to have Sent this under Cover to Monsr. Dieskau's brother in Holland a I've no acquaint=ance there, but fearing least ye name of Dieskau

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might Create Suspicion, I shall send it at a ven:
=ture to some Merch.t there and give it here to a
friend (who'll not suspect ye Contents) to send it
to New york to be forwarded from thence, & for fear
of miscarriage shall take a Copy of it to send p
another Conveyance — and now beg leave to In=
=form yr. Lp: how, & in what manner to Direct &
send to me. I shall appoint a friend to re=
=ceive all such Letters &c.a as yr Lp.'ll be pleased
to order to me by ye name of Pierre Fidel, and
shall 've 'em immediatly sent to me; this friend
shall appoint another at New York, tho' they'll
both be Ignorant what they Contain; I shoud
also acquaint yr. Lp: that there are great num:
=bers of Vessells that trade from these parts to
Europe, perticularly to England & Holland (NB: there
is Packet boats to go Constant from England to
it's american Collonies) I woud chuse to have what
yr. Lp: wou'd be pleased to order to me to Come p
ye English vessells from Holland; (as there is to
be a neutrality during a war with England, be:
=tween his most Christian Majesty & ye States Generals)
I shoud think it ye surest way, and woud chuse
to have it Come by Different vessells and not all
in one Bottom. However, I Leave it to yr. Lp.s
wise & prudent Conduct, to order as yr. Lp: shall

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Judge Proper; as I doubt not but y^r. Lp. ha Cor=
=respondences in in both places that may be relyed
on. but Let me pray y^r. Lp. that it may be
done privatly without witness not to give any Sus-
-picion either there or here, and if I might take
upon me to advise y^r. Lp.: it might be ordered
among some Lawfull Merchandise and Shiped, and
y^e Masters of such vessel's Can Sign bills Lading
to Deliver such goods to ye s^d Pierre Fidel or
his order— I am told there are many Vessells
expected next Spring from Holland to New york,
I woud chuse to have 'em come to that Port, as
it woud be the safest— there are also several expected
from London to that Port— Be pleased to Direct

To

Mr. Pierre Fidel
to be left at Mr. Roomer's
Coffy house (untill asked
for) in

New York—

If y^r. Lp. Directs to Mr. Pierre Fidel, as above=
=said, y^r. Lp. need not in the least doubt of it's
being Safly Conveyed to me— [19.]

I have been to New york to visit Monsr. Dies=
=kau where he lies still Ill of his wounds, but
is now Like to recover, he is in a good house,

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well attended, and great care is taken of him (to
the honnour of y^e English be this Said) he has
his aid de Camp with him; Had that unhappy
Gentl.^m had y^e Good fortune to have beaten John:
=sons army, he woud 'ere this have been in Pos:
=session of y^e City of Albany, and woud infallibly
have Cut off Shirley's army also as he Coud pre:
=vent all Supplys being Sent thither, and by
reinforcements he might have had from Canada
&c.^a he coud have Strengthen'd himself there this
Winter, and by next Spring Sent Emissaries pri:
=vately thro' y^e Land to those who are of y^e true
Roman Catholick faith, of wch there are great num:
=bers who dare not Show their heads, and who
I know wished & prayed for his Success; many
of whom Since his Confinement at New york have
Desired to See him, but have not been permitted—
he might also have sent to y^e Negro Slaves (of
wch there are some thousands) and promissed them
their freedom— he woud have been Joined by
Multitudes,— and then have Issued his Proclima:
=tion in his ~~most~~ Christian Majestys name, Grant:
=ing free Liberty of Conscience, Enjoyments of their
Estates, Rights & Priviledges &c.^a &c.^a as afore to
those who woud only Submitt to his Majesty's Clem:
=encey & become his Subjects—. I doubt not but most

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of y^e^ heriticks woud Comply rather than lose their all, & Perish, and by next Summer he might have been in Possession of New york (wch is ab^t^ y^e^ Center of y^e^ British Dominions on y^e^ Con=tinent) and afterwards it woud be no Difficult matter, if he was Supplyed with Money &c^a^ from home, to make himself master of all y^e^ Jerseys, Pensylvenia &c^a^ and in Consequence y^e^ English West indias must fall, as they coud not long Subsist without these provision Collonies — as woud also the Countries to ye Eastward, as far as Boston &c^a^ — but that unfortunate Gentleman was deceived in his Intelligences — neither was it in my Power to send him any as I did to mons^r^ de Contrecour at fort du Quesne when Braddock was Marching that way Monsr Dumas in a letter he Conveyed to me ℘ an English Indian afterwards returned me, his & Monsr de Contrecours thanks for the ad=vice I had given them, and said y^e^ Victory was in a great measure / to it, N.B. Messrs de Beaujeu, Carneville & Dumas were Cap^ts^ that fought ag^st^ Braddock, the two former fell in Battle as Monsr [20] Dumas mentioned to me I well perswaded that did mons^r^ Dieskau know of my writing this he woud, if he were allowed to write, attest it with both his hands, I only mentioned to

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him, that I had a letter to be forwarded to france and he immediatly recommended me to his Bro.^r, assuring Me he woud forward it for me — it grieves me to see y.^e Poor french Inhabitants of Mines in Nova Scotia, Dispersed thro' all y.^e Eng=lish Collonies, wch y.^e English have transported from thence — I beg y.^r Lp.^s Pardon for detaining y.^r Lp: with this unlucky turn of Monsr Dieskau &c.^a — it was not my Intention when I first Sat down to write to y.^r Lp. but assure y.^r Lp: that it woud've given me equal pleasure if that Gentl.^on had Succeeded, as if I had done it myself. — and Permitt me now to Say, I leave y.^r Lp: to Judge what resistance they'll be able to make when they have so powerfull an Ennemi in the heart of their Country, unsuspected, unguarded, & unprovided as they'll be to receive him — I want not any troops to be Sent me, (for here are men enough) but a Sufficiency of money to hire them with —. and dare affirm, that half ye Sum wch was expended in transporting Monsr Dieskau & his forces hither woud (in this way) Conquer all North america for my Royal Master Lewis XV: and woud bring ye English to terms with regard to Limitts here —. I wish y.^r Lp: all blessings Spiritual & temporal in ye Entering New york, and

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wish Success to his Majesty's arms, and am (tho' unknown to yr. Gr. with all due reverence & respect, may it please yr. Grace.

your Graces most obedient, most

Hble & most Devoted Servt.

Filius Gallica—

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/ P.S. before I close this I must hint to yr. Gr. that a few days ago, there has been at New York a Congress of ye. English Govers. on ye. Continent; they've not yet Communicated ye. result of it to me: an Epress will Soon Sail from thence for England—. It's not in my Power to Ex=plain my Self here as I Coud wish to do, nor to write the whole Situation of affairs here; for as said afore, time nor place'll permitt. hereafter hope to do it better & in more form— but thus much I've only now been able to insinuate to yr. Gr. in hope of succeeding in my Designs, and in making my self in part known to yr. Gr. that his Majesty may also know, he has (tho' unknown) a faithfull true & Loyall Subject in these parts, & who with his Majesty's expects soon to drive all ye. English who will not Submitt to his Majesty's Goodness; off the Continent—. Therefore let me now at Last move yr. Gr. by heaven & earth, not to Dispise what I Say, but Comply

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with my request — hereafter, I shall not prove so tedious, nor multiply words as I am now obliged to do —

The British Dominions, from Halifax to Georgia is Computed at abt. 2,000 miles, it Lies in a Circle adjoining ye. Sea, with beautifull rivers running thro', & fine Harbours, fitt for ye Largest first rate Ships, a very plentifull Country of all things, but their Country Lies all open & Defence=less, and ye. People much alarmed & frightend at ye. Least acct. of a french fleet on their Coast, because of their Nakedness — The Climate here, have found it much ye. Same as in france; The Countrys wch. Lye to ye. westward & Southward have their Springs very early, & Scarce any winter, but those wch. Lye to ye. Northward have their Springs late &ca. —

N.B. there has lately been discovered in Jersey Govemnt. several very good Copper mines, intermixt with Silver —.

an hour ago a Gentl.n arrived from New york, Came to visit me, he Said, it was re=ported there, that a french fleet, Consisting of 17 men of war & transports with some Bomb ves=sells, was arrived at Spanish river in Cape Breton, and were landing their men &ca. the news was

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Said to come via Boston, from St. Peters in New=foundland & from Halifax in Nova Scotia. this News I coud wish with all my heart to be true as the English fleet is Sailed from thence for England — but I immagine its only his Majesty's fleet wch Sailed down the river St. Lawrence Last fall, homward bound, wch might have put in there — [22]

Jany 7th.

I am informed that mr. John de Neuf=ville Mercht. at amsterdam does business for Gentle=men in New york I've Concluded to Send it to his Care, as from New york by the name of George Spellings & Shall pretend to him a recom=mendation from his friends there on purpose to have it immediatly forwarded to yr. Gr: & Shall desire him to Let me know by that Name of its being Sent to your Grace —

Jany. 8th 1746

The Post Sets out this afternoon for New york, I shall Deliver this (under Cover) to my friend here to be forwarded thither —

I said in my Letter I woud not in the Least Discover myself, but thus much I'll now venture to intimate to yr. Gr: trusting that it'll abide only with yr. Gr: untill I have accomplished

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my Designs — I was born'd, & all my relations Live, in old france in good repute & Loyall Subjects to his Majesty, and assure yr. Lp: some of 'em not un:=worthy yr. Lps. Notice, & Some of 'em not unknown to yr. Lp: as by a Letter I received Some time ago from one of them. I intended at first to have sent this Letter under Cover to him — but I have my reasons for not doing it, besides I don't be:=lieve an English Captn. woud deliver a Letter from on board his vessell, at this time, that was directed to France. I shall send yr. Lp: a few lines again next Spring, in the best manner I can. but ex:=pect yr. Lp.'ll be doing for me in ye. Intrim and if I Succeed in my attempt, (as I don't in ye. Least doubt, if I am now Granted what I require) I'll return home & Lay my Self with Gratitude at yr. Lps. feet, for I am tired of playing ye. prodigal, and Long to be home with my friends, & relations again from whom I have Strayed these many years; but Shoud not chuse to return to them but in honour —. I shall be 38 years old nex— august, am still a Single man & most part of my Life has been spent in ye. Service of ye. English, wch I have always faithfully Dischargd but now again to be Employed, & fight agst. my King & Country I cant any more bear to think off; and yet Shall be obliged

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to do it for /Subsistance, as I've no other Dependance here, & no Estate at home — I was sent near ye close of ye last war a Commissioner to Canada, where seeing the Confidence ye English placed in me, & hearing how much I was in ye esteem of all Sorts of People among them, & knowing my Principles & from whence I was it was there agreed upon, that if the English shoud at any time thereafter promote me to a General of an army agst them, that I shoud employ my whole force in behalf of his most Christian Majesty, and write home abt it and I shoud be immediatly assisted. This now is come to pass, Contrary to my expectations; it's a fourtnight since I was appointed and am already Confirmed (since the Evasions of ye french & Indians on their frontiers as aforementioned) and hope now to be Exalted to put my Scheme in execution as abovesaid; and hope yr Lp. 'll excuse me for making choice of yr Lp. to write to — it's not in my Power at this time to acquaint the Gentln in Canada of what has happened to me, neither woud it avail any thing untill I had some assurance of being assisted from home —. yr Lp. may perhaps hereafter accuss me of Perfidy & Ingratitude to ye English, and a Person not fit to be trusted; to wch I beg

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leave to answer y^r. Lp^r., that as to Perfidy I have already intimated to y^r. Lp^r how my heart has always been disposed, & cou'd at any time Satisfy y^r. Lp^r. to y^e. Contrary; & as to Ingratitude; if y^e. English have given me Commissions & promoted me to honours among them it was to Serve their own purposes, and They've had my Services for it, wch they've never had reason to Complain off; Besides I expect greater Prefferments, if I Succeed, by his Majesty, and then I shall be among my own People & en=joy my religion freely, wch I have not dared to do, Since I've been among y^e English, but must tamely bear to hear my religion, King & Country reflected on by Heriticks, and have never yet been in y^e Chapel at Phil^a for fear of giving Suspicion — however I shall always retain a Gratefull Sense of y^e English Civilities & good will toward me while they thought me their own, & intend to be kind to them — espetialy those — I have received great friend=ships from — except Some of their Gov^rs —.

N.B. There is a reward of 700 p s/6 offered by y^e Govern^t of Phil^a / to any who shall bring the heads of Shingas, & Jacobs, two Chiefs of y^e Delaware Indian Nation who have revolted from y^e English. I shoud be very Sorry to see their heads Bro^t as they are my very good friends — but am not in

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much concern about them as they'll not easiely be taken. Most of ye back Inhabitants of Phila Maryland &ca are fled to ye Cities, & have left their plantations a prey to ye Indians— The Sight of one Indian 'll frighten & drive away a Score of English men— I must also acquaint yr. Lp: that it was ye appearance of ye Indians that frightened Braddocks men, & put his army in Confusion— here is a Certain accot. Come yester=day from Hallifax in Nova Scotia, that Some of King Georges Soldiers who had Strayed in ye Woods; were taken Prisoners by ye french & Indians there; that ye New England troops wch were hired to take Mines, were Quarreling with ye Governor there, abt. their pay, & because ye Govr. had not pre=pared vessells to carry them home according to promiss; that ye New England troops, and ye Kings troops were fighting with each other &ca— N.B. I men=tion ye Inroads of ye Indians &ca to Set yr. Lp. see ye Deplorable Condition most of ye British Collonies are in at present, & how easiely they may be at this time Subdued—.

a mon Seigneur

mon Seigneur Le Duc de Mirepoix

a / Paris

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America March 1st 1756.

May it please Your Grace.

I beg Leave to referr your Grace to what I wrote Yr. Gr: ye. 6th of Jany last which I sent under Cover to Mr. John de Neufville Mercht. at Amsterdam, and now according to my Promise acquaint yr. Gr: that I have since levied 10,000. fine Men, such as I woud have, and shall soon have my Compliment of 15,000. I have by the bye intimated to my Aid de Camp & some of the Officers something of what I wrote Yr. Gr: and find, that if I am assisted as requested of Yr. Gr: I shall gain my Point — But if I shoud not hear from Yr. Grace by ye. 1st. of next July, I shall conclude Yr. Gr has not digned me an Answer and shant for the future trouble Yr. Gr: any more but 'll content myself to end my Days in this Country, and instead of being a Friend to my King & Country, I shall be oblidged to act agst. both, & become an Enemy to Them; / but I trust & flatter Myself that Yr. Gr:'ll answer me — And if Yr. Gr: thinks me worthy of Yr. Grs. Corrispondence I woud now beg Yr. Grs. favour to inform me how & in what manner to direct for ye. future to Yr. Gr: to whose [26.]

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Care &c.a I must order my Letters &c.a to be forward:
=ed to Yr. Gr:- for I have been strangely puzzled
about sending these I have wrote to Yr. Gr: and
when I may again write to Yr. Gr: it shall be
in French wch is my own Language-. I woud
also be informed by Yr. Gr: to whom it woud be
proper for me hereafter to send an acct. &c.a to
of these Parts &c.a- in case Yr. Gr: shoud be ab:
=sent &c.a- I am as afore-

Your Grace's most Devoted Servt.

Filius Gallica.

P.S. I was informed that both my Letters wch
were sent to New York was put aboard ye. Night:
=ingale Man of War Bound to London (there be:
=ing no other Vessell at yt Time design'd for
Europe) wch did not sail from ye. hook afore ye.
7th. Ult:- the hook / is twenty Miles from New
[27] York Harbour from whence all their Vessells put
into Sea.- I am not now under ye. least Con:
=cern in case any of my Letters to Yr. Gr: shoud
be inspected; that it woud be a Prejudice to me-
for I am from my Behaviour among the English
here in that vogue among them that I shoud
not in ye. least be suspected, but it woud be
imagined that those Letters were forged by some
malicious Persons, to undermine me.- and I can

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easily deny them if they shoud come agst. me, as my Name is not fixed & I in a great Measure counterfieted a different hand from what I naturally write as I have already mentioned to Yr. Gr: to whom I have under Cover directed them— In case they shoud not be come to Yr. Grs. Hands 'ere this, yr. Grace'll hereby know of whom to demand Them. In those Letters I gave Yr. Gr: proper Directions to me &ca. and beged Yr. Gr: to be as expeditious to Me as possible & seemed afear: =ed that I Shoud not be able to hear from Yr. Gr: in / time— but now inform Yr. Gr: that Yr. Gr: 'll have time enough even after the Receipt of this— for here are not near Arms &ca. enough at present for ye. Number of Men I have already reased; and It's but lately that They have been wrote for; as well from Holland as from England, wch. don't expect 'll be here afore ye. 1st. of next June— your Grace must know that this Army is not reased at ye. Expence of ye. Crown of Brittain, but at the private Expence of ye. different Governments to ye. Westward here who order & direct every thing abt. it themselves— and when ready, as a Complt. to Mr. Shirley it is to be submitted to his Order & Direction wch. will agree with Theirs—, but I hope it'll be governed by Yr. Grs. Orders & Commands.— [28]

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NB. Pensylvania is not immediatly under y^e. Crown of Brittain, but is a Proprietary Govern^t. under Pen.—

I beg Y^r. Gr: to send to me immediatly, & I trust Y^r. Gr:'ll be sending to me all next Summer, for on Receipt of the first Letters, & /Sum of Money

[29.] from Y^r. Gr: I am so persuaded of Success, that I shall look on all y^e. Countries to y^e. Westward as our Own— I would not have Y^r. Gr: be under any Apprehensions of fear on my Acc^t: from y^e. Armies of Shirley & Johnson, They being at so great a Distance from me that I shall be Master of those Countries afore They can in y^e. least Molest me, & They may be cut off afore they can come near me.

Besides when I have what I have re:=quired of Y^r. Gr: I doubt not but I shall be able to draw y^e. greatest part of their Armies over to me—

Here has lately been three English men taken up who proved to be Spies sent from Canada. One of 'em was found listing Men among y^e. Ger:=mans to send 'em off to Fort du Quesne on y^e. Ohio—. They are put in Irons in close Prison—. If y^e. Canadians did know what I am about They might spare Themselves y^e. trouble— We've an Acc^t. here that They are raising a great Force & making

[30] great / Preparations in Canada ag^t. y^e. English, &

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have built severall Vessells of Force at Lake Ontario—

The French have built a Fort not more than 40 Miles, from Bethlehem while ye Indians were envading those Parts; There is a body of up=wards of 3000 Shawanese & Delaware &ca Indians now in ye French Intert wch make these Inroads, these Indians were formerly in ye English Interest, but since ye Defeat of Braddock, they have taken up ye hatchet agst them, (Bethlehem is a Town settled by a People called here ye Moravian Brethren abot 60. Miles beyond Philadelphia) but the Cherokees who are very numerous and have never yet been con=quered have entered into Alliance with ye English & choose (in great Form) King George as their King & Father— They have offered me 1000. of their Men to join me at ye Ohio pro=vided I woud take Them in ye Governmts pay, This I have mentioned to ye Governmts but they rather chuse that Govr Shirley shoud allow Them ye / King's Pay, I've accordingly dispatched an Officer with this Message to Govr Shirley (who is now at his Governt at Boston) to know his Pleasure about it. The Cherokee In=dian Nation inhabit ye Countrys back of South Caro=lina— South Carolina is the Place where Most of ye Vessells that are bound from these parts

compare this with the extt of Mr Pitcher's Letter. 28. Feb.

[31.]

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to Holland go to load with Rice — I've heard that the Indians in his Most Christian Majesty's Inter.^s have also made Inroads on ye West Frontiers of Boston —. I have also heard that Monsr. Dieskau's Aid de Camp was sent over to England in the Nightingale Man of War, but I fear he'll be more confined there — so as not to be able to give any Intelligences of these Parts. —

N.B. I mentioned to Y^r. L^p: on ye Cover of y^e. Copy. .

. . . .

(Two lines were erased in the Original)

. . . .

I scarce knew any other there, of a Body of 1100 Indians that appeared at Goshen, a place between Albany & New York; / that Body has since been quiet,
[32] by a Threat sent Them from ye Mohawks — I also on s^d. Cover mentioned to Y^r. L^p: ye great Number of Irish &c^a that have been transported from England to Virginia & Philadelphia for ye better Peopling the King's Plantations — and also of ye great Number of Germans, that have been Yearly imported from Holland, who are All very poor and are oblidged to sell Themselves to the Inhabitants to pay their Passage. — Most of ye above People are of the true Roman Catholick Religion & I am persuaded They woud rather (from Principle) chuse to serve my Royal Master —. I also mentioned to Y^r. L^p:

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that Most of the Hereticks here minded no other Re-
-ligion than That of getting Money &c.a &c.a and that
I believed They might be hired to any King; This
I am now ye more convinced of even among ye best
& richest of 'em — for being in Company at Club a
few Nights ago, where ye Topick was upon ye desolate
Condition ye Brittish Colonies to ye Westward were in [33]
at present, Many of 'em said, in good earnest, that
It woud be ye same thing to Them who was their
King; whether ye King of England or the King
of France, provided They enjoyed their Estates that
They had here unmolested.

I mention This, &c.a to let yr Gr. see ye Dis-
-position of Some of King George's Subjects here, &c.a
and what encouragement I have of Success — but
I fear I have again trespassed upon Yr Gr's pa-
-tience, & again assure Yr Gr. that it was not
my Intention at first to draw this to such length —,
& tho' I make so much time (wch is very agreeable
to me) to write to Yr Gr. I am dayly so much
hurried as to've scarce Leisure to eat my Meals —
and now bid Yr Gr. Adieu — untill I shall be
blessed from Yr Grace, wch I do soon expect —, for
I doubt not but Yr Gr'll be as ready to serve
our Grand Monarch as Myself —.

N.B. I shall direct this again, ... y, to

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[34] /ye same hands as ye former to be forwarded to yr Grace.—

1st

Superscribed

A Mon Seigneur

Mon Seigneur Le Duc de Mirepoise

a

Paris.

[36] Endorsed Copy of an Intercepted / Letter, dated America / March 1st 1756— to / the Duc de Mirepoix / R March 29th / the Original of this Letter / was given to the Earl / of Loudoun.

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Copy

Grosvenor Square March 19.
1756.

Sir Charles Hardy Bart.
Governor of New York. }

Dear Sir.

This Letter, which I write to you upon a very particular Occasion, shall be solely confined to it; And I will not mix any other Matter that may draw your Attention from it.

The other day Mr. Fox sent me an intercepted Letter, directed to the Duke of Mirepoix, the Contents of which, upon a full Consideration of them, appear to me of a very extraordinary Nature, and of the utmost Importance. The Particulars of the Letter, as the Original will be put into your Hands by Col. Webb, I will not enumerate, nor trouble you with my Notion how the Treason may be best discover'd, as I have given my Thoughts thereon in a / Paper [54.]
Col. Webb will deliver to you. You & He will make such Improvements upon my Proposal, for the Discovery of the Author of the anonymous Letter, as to your Judgments

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shall appear right & most conducive to His Majesty's Service. But whatever be the Methods you shall think proper to pursue, I would recommend to you to keep them as secret & intrusted to as few as possible.

The Character of Peter Joncourt in many respects seems to agree with the Des=cription which the Author of the Letter gives of himself: But whether that des=cription be a real or fictitious one, is doubtfull.

In many respects Lydius's Character agrees with it; in some it differs. But that Difference may be made with Design to elude Detection. (How such a Fellow as Lydius came to be employ'd last Year by Mr. Shirley, is matter of Astonishment!

[55]

What inclines me to think much more seriously of the anonymous Letter than I otherwise should do, is that almost every Fact mention'd in it is, either in the whole or in great part, true. The only Circum=stance of it that appear'd New, was that a large Body of Men was to be rais'd in Pennsylvania. But upon looking carefully over the Instructions sent by Mr. Shirley to

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Sr. Wm. Johnson, when at Mount Johnson (a Copy of which We have lately receiv'd from Sr. William, & which I have likewise given to Colo. Webb) I find that Particular confirm'd. It is wonderfull however to me that Mr. Shirley should have engaged in such a Plan without acquainting Govern:ment at home with it, or with the Methods by which he purposes carrying it into Execution. [56]

The Orders given for the Indians to march to the Ohio, to examine Fort du Quesne, to sound the Intentions of the French, & afterwards to return to Pennsylvania, to be join'd by a Body of Forces, are very mysterious, or at least very vague, vision:ary and absurd. The Promise that their Wives & Children shall be protected in a strong Place, where there is none I know of in those parts, but Fort du Quesne, is very strange to me.

If Orders have been to raise Forces in Pennsylvania, you probably know of it, or (be they ever so secret) Govr. Morris, I should imagine, must— If not, the State of Things is rotten indeed! Colo. Webb supersedes

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Mr. Shirley's /Command, and has a Right to
[57] know, and I hope will know every Order
he has given & the Names of every person
he has employ'd in America in any Shape
or Character whatever. But as Mr. Shirley
is at some Distance & these Matters may
not be so soon known by a Correspondence
with him, I would strongly recommend to
Col.o Webb & Yourself, privately to get every
Information you can with regard to every
particular Measure, taken & person employ'd.

You will observe in the Letter that
a Charge of Treason is laid upon three
of His Maj.tys Officers. I know none of them,
and hope they are innocent. But as the
Clue is given, you and Col.o Webb will soon
be able to form a Judgment of them. One
guilty person apprehended may & probably
will discover more.

[58] /This I leave the Matter with you,
& should be infinitely uneasy if the Con:
=duct of it was intrusted to any other
Hands but yours & Col.o Webbs. — It may
be nothing — It may be an Artifice to draw
a little money from France — It may be
fraught with some other wicked Design. —

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But on the other hand, it may be a Matter of the highest Consequence to the Wellfare of America, the Safety of His Majesty's Subjects, and the Honor & Success of his Arms.

I have never conceiv'd the least Suspicion of Disloyalty in those whom His Majesty has vested with Command, as you will easily perceive by the other Letters Col.o Webb has in Charge for you. But yet there are Circumstances so strange with regard to this whole Affair, that I hold it my indispensable Duty to recommend the whole of my [69] Observations to your most Serious Consideration. But I must strictly injoin you to look upon this Letter & the whole Transaction it alludes to, as a Matter of Secrecy between Col.o Webb, you & me. I am &c

Dunk Halifax.

P.S. Mr. Pownall informs me that one Baron Sake Augustin Davis (a common Soldier in Mr. Shirley's Regiment) was lately taken up as a Spy. The Particulars he relates concerning him are of an extraordinary Nature & well worthy your Attention.

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Endorsed | Copy of the Earl of / Halifax's Letter to / Sr. Charles Hardy, / Govr. of New York. / dated 19 March 1756.

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Extract of the Report made by the Commissioners employed on the part of the Province of Penn-sylvania at the Meeting at Albany in 1754.

Mr William Alexander of New York was kind enough to tell Us, that Mr Woodbridge, who kept an Indian School at Stockbridge, in New England, and two Connecticut Gentlemen, vizt.

Were in Town with Intent to negociate a Purchase from the Indians for the Sasquehannah Lands lying within the Latitude of the Connecticut Charter, in favour of some private Persons of that Government, and had with Them a Thousand Pieces of Eight, and were busy, conferring with the Indians on this Subject, at the House, and thro' the Means of Mr Lydius. This Lydius is an Inhabitant of Albany known to have abjured the Protestant / Religion in [62] Canada, and to be concerned in a Clandestine Trade with the Caghnawaga or French praying Indians, and suspected to carry on a secret Correspondence with the Government of Canada; and, as Mr Alexander informed Us, might not only have lucrative Views, in the Management of this Purchase, but a De-sign to sow Dissentions, as well between the In-dian Nations as between the several Colonies, whose Lands lay within the Latitude of the Connecticut Charter.

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Additional Instructions to Major General William Johnson, relative to the Indians of the Six Nations under his Command.

That a Party of the six Nations, to consist of a few Sachems, the rest to be Warriors be engaged, by private Applications, and the Offer of Rewards to take up the Hatchet against the French, and their Indians, who have fallen upon the Provinces of Virginia, Maryland, and Pensylvania.

That They be requested, immediately, to proceed to Pennsylvania, where They will find a large Force, actually in readiness, and there concert the best Measures for carrying on the War.

That they should go by the Way of Susquahannah, and call upon all the Indians settled upon both the Branches of that River, and engage as many Indians, as They have any Influence with, to join and accompany Them.

That Assurances be given Them of their being supplied with Arms, /Accoutrements, Cloaths, [66] Provisions and Pay, that they shall have, besides these, a Reward for every Prisoner or Scalp taken from the Enemy, and every other reasonable Encouragement, all which to be ascertained to their Satisfaction, by Treaty as soon as they arrive in Pennsylvania.

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That, as in all Indian Towns, some may be for the French, and some for the English, They should be advised to use Prudence in their Application to particular Indians, lest the French be too soon informed of their Intentions.

That They be instructed to look out for fit, and proper Persons to get Intelligence, and to engage Them to go to the French Fort on the Ohio, and to the Towns in that Neighbourhood, and when They have made Themselves Masters of their future Designs and Operations, then to proceed to the Govr. of Pennsylvania with their Informations, for which they shall be well paid.

[67.] /That if any of the Indians are afraid to leave their Wives & Children, they be desired to bring Them along with Them, and Care shall be taken to assign Them as strong and well fortified Place to live in, where they shall be supplied with Necessaries.

New York Decemr. 24th. 1755.

(sign'd) W. Shirley.

By His Excellency's Command.

Wm. Alexander, Secry.

[68] Endorsed /Additional Instructions/ to Majr. Genl. Wm. Johnson/ relative to the Indians / of the Six Nations under / his Command. / New York Decr. 24th. 1755.

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69.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Pitcher, to Mr. Fox New York Febry 23d. 1756—

Colonel Washington, who has the command of the Provincial Troops in Virginia, passed through here last week, in his way to General Shirley (who is gone to his Government at Boston) who tells me that about Seventy of the Cherokee Nation of Indians, have joined some of the Virginia Forces, and was daily expecting more: and they are forming an Expedition against the Shawanas, who have, for some time past, infested the Fron:-tiers of the Southern Provinces.

Endorsed | Extract of a Letter | from Mr. Pitcher, [72] to | Mr. Fox | New York Febry 23d 1756

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73.

Extract of a Letter from Philadelphia received by the last Packet.

The Levies go on with great Spirit in Pensylvania, & they enlist hired & Bond Servants as well as Freemen, & the Legislature dont interfere in It. – Their Quakers also seem to think their All is at Stake – they intend to have 20,000 men of the Provincial Troops next Campaign, but the Plan of operations is quite a Secret, only they want an Uniting Head, which, I Hope they will have to their entire Satisfaction in Lord Loudoun – I only wish, He was in His Voyage, as the Season Ad=vances Apace.

Col: Washington is gone to New York, & is engaged, It is thought, in an early Surprize of Fort Du Quesne – my Letter is dated Feb^ry 19th

The Dutch take great Advantage of run=ning Their Gun-Powder into New York upon our Prohibition of / It, which, If No Material Reason to the Contrary, should be opened. [74]

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Endorsed | Extract of a Letter / from Philadelphia / R. March / (by the last Packet) [76]

Messrs. De Berdt & Burkitt Philadelphia February 19th. 1756.

Dear Sirs

I receiv'd your favours of October 9th & Novr. 14th 1755 the last was ꝑ Packet & by Her (Via New York) I now write but as the Snow Capt. Bell sails next Week from hence to London by Her I shall be more full, & answer Mr. De Berdts favour of Enfield Octor. 27th. as also send all DB. DBB. & WB Sales, which from your approbation of last Years, I hope to have ye pleasure of hearing You will still be better pleas'd with, as I have entred into every particularity which may fix the exact Quan:-tity of Goods on hand as well as the Amount, at the close of the Year 1753.—

We are waiting with high desire to know what the Spring will produce, with respect to War, or Peace if the former, the advance on remaining Goods will make full compensation for the High ex:=change wch is now current at 175 ꝑ Ct. if the latter, our long Credits, at the price we sold goods at 12 & 18 Months past, will sink great part of the profit at present we scarce know how to act, the Prices however that I sell Goods at now, are on a Medium between Peace & War.

/I know You will expect some Public News. [78]
× the Officers that are recruiting, here & throughout the

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Provinces, meet with great Success, they inlist Hir'd, & Bond Servants, as well as Freemen nor do the Legislatures of the Provinces interfere, yᵉ Quakers with us, begin to see that all may be at Stake should the French beat us, next Campaign. not less than 20.000 Men 'tis said are to be on Service in the Spring, the Plan is quite secret, but we think Genˡ. Shirley, with the Kings, & yᵉ Northern Troops has a design on Crown Point Niagara, Frontenac &cᵃ. & that early, while Collᵒ. Washington (who pass'd thro' our City in his way to N York & 'tis said Boston) is engag'd on a secret surprize of Fort Duquesne.ₓ—

Mʳ. Rhea calls upon me to comply with an engagment of some importance, & the Post is just going.

I now cover Bills of Exchange 1ˢᵗ

William Cooper on John Hammat of Cornwall

£100 — Sterling 30 days Sight

30 Joseph Howard 40 days on Thoˢ. Lane of London

130 — @ 175 ℘ Cᵗ Remittance on Accᵗ. of De Berdt & Burkitt as Factor, wᶜʰ place to Account. My Dear Wife & Family are well. She joins in best Compliments to Mʳˢ. De Berdt & Mʳˢ. Burkitt. My Kind Respects to Dear Mʳ. Whitefield & all Friends.

I am Dear Sirs

Your Obliged Affec. htte Servᵗ.

Wᵐ. Grant.

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Addressed To / Messrs. De Berdt & Burkitt / [80]
Merchants / In / London. / ℘ Hallifax Packet /
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Grosv^r. Square March y^e. 31st. 1756

Dear Sir,

Colonel Webb, to whose care I have already committed two Packetts for you, (the last containing matter of the highest importance to His Majesty's service) not being yet sailed gives me an opportuni=ty of acknowledging the Receipt of your Letter by Mr Pownall, and likewise that of the 23^d of February; for both which I desire you would accept my best thanks. I should not however have troubled you again so Soon, but that I held it requisite to embrace the first occasion of ac=quainting / you with some new determinations of [82] His Majesty's Servants on the Subject of the anony=mous Letters lately intercepted.

I think I observed in my last to you, that I consider'd the first anonymous Letter more worthy attention on account of every particular con=tained in it being either in the whole, or in part true, excepting that of the large Bodies of men raising in Pensylvania; which is now con=firmed not only by the publick American Prints transmitted to England, but by a variety of private Letters, some of which I have seen. This has inclined Ministers to think more seriously of

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the matter, than they did before, and indeed they all agree / in opinion with me, that there is Trea-
[83.] =son Somewhere, and that the utmost expedition and diligence should be used in the detection of it; which from one particular circumstance in the last intercepted Letter will I hope prove matter of no difficulty. The author of it says, "that the Chero=kees have made him an offer of some hundred men, and that he has transmitted that offer to General Shirley". Now, if it be not already, it may easily be known, to whom the Cherokees have made that offer, and by whom the offer was transmitted to Mr. Shirley; Another Circumstance, which, if true, would lead to detection, is that of his Aid de Camp, which the Author mentions. I can't conceive that any one in Pensylvania or Vir=ginia (for from one of those provinces the Letters seem / to have been wrote) is of a Character to
[84.] have an Aid de Camp, but, if there is, it must surely be known who that person is. Washington, I find, by private Letters is to command to the westward, but I don't know it authentically, Mr. Shirley never having acquainted us of his having appointed any body to Such a Command, which to me appears very extraordinary. I know nothing of Mr. Washington's Character, but, that we have

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it under his own hand, that he loves the whistling of Bullets, and they say he behaved as bravely in Braddock's action, as if he really did. — From the phraseology of the Letters I think it very clear they were not wrote by a frenchman, as they pretend to be; and from certain words (tho' the / Letters are in general well-spelt) being spelt according to the Irish pronunciation I am apt to beleive the Author of them an Irish man. [85] Mr. Pownall, tho' his name should not be mentioned on the occasion, gives me reason to imagine that one Croghan is the man, and orders have been accordingly given by the Secretary of State for the apprehending him. The Letter however directed to Peter Fidel will be deposited at the New York Coffee House, and other measures recommended before followed.

No Suspicion at all attends Mr. Shirley, but many particulars of the last year's Transactions are highly disapproved, and I greatly dislike his present behaviour in his Province: fomenting disputes, promoting / ineffectual Enquiries, and countenancing a paper-war against your Province are ill adapted [86] to the Complexion of the Times, and the Benefit of His Majesty's service. Orders are given for his return to England as soon as possible, and

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the reason given for it is, that he may be consulted on several matters relative to the King's service in America.

It gives me great pleasure to hear your Province have come to so spirited Resolutions; but I am equally concerned and surprized to find that no other steps were taken in 23 days after to=wards following so good an example in the four Governm^ts of New-England.

I am happy in the thought of your chief/Difficulties being removed by the late Per=mission given you to wave a part of your In=structions. — That Honour and Happiness may attend you in your Governm^t. will be the con=stant and sincere wish of

Dear Sir,

Y^r. most faithfull

and obedient humble Servant

Dunk Halifax.

To His Excell^y Sir Charles Hardy.

[87]

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Endorsed The Earl of Halifax's Letter to/His Excell^y Sir Cha's Hardy./Govr. of New York./Duplicate. Dated March the 31st. 1756.

Whitehall. March 31st 1756.

Colonel Webb

Secret.

Sir,

The King has commanded me to signify His Pleasure to You, that You should, immediately upon your Arrival in North America, make the strictest Enquiry, in Conjunction with Sir Charles Hardy, into the Author, or Authors, of the Two Anonymous Letters, lately intercepted from America, Addressed to the Duc de Mirepoix, Copies of which have been already put into Your Hands; – And You will call to Your Assistance, and admit to Your Councils, such Governors of His Majesty's Provinces, or such other /Persons, as You [90.] shall judge necessary upon this Occasion.

It has been surmised here, that Mr. George Croghan, a principal Trader, and employed in Indian Affairs, in Pensylvania, may possibly have been concerned in these Letters, You will, therefore, make particular Enquiry with regard to Him, and if You shall find there is just Cause for this Suspicion, You

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will secure Him, and all other suspected Per=
=sons, as soon as possible, and You will send all such Prisoners to England with the Informations, Examinations, and material Evi=
=dences against Them.

[91] I am to desire You to communicate this Letter, together with those Intercepted Letters, That make the Subject of it, to Sir Charles Hardy, acquainting Him, that This is to be considered as an Instruction to Himself.

You will be pleased to return to Me, by this Messenger, the Blank Warrants I put into Your Hands, before you left London, and likewise my Letter to Gov.r Shirley upon this Subject, The Same being, at present, unnecessary, and indeed improper.

I am &c.a

H. Fox.

P.S.

I send You, under Flying Seal, my Letter to recall Governor Shirley.

[92] Endorsed March 31st 1756 / by Blackmore, to Plymouth / Secret.

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Duplicate.— 93.

Grosvr. Square April the 1st 1756.

Dear Sir.

Since my Last to you, committed to the care of Colonel Webb, who is not yet sailed, His Majesty's Ministers, upon a mature consideration of the present State of affairs in North America, think it expedient, that, as soon as Colonel Webb has superseded you in your Military Command, you should immediately return to England, in order to be consulted on several points relative to His Majesty's Service and the operations of the ensuing Campaign, on the Success of which the welfare and security of his Subjects and the honour of his Crown so much depend /On this head you will receive His Majesty's Commands by his Secretary of State; and that all expedition, as well as convenien may attend your return, you will have to embark on board one of His Majesty's Frigates. [94.]

It will give me the greatest Satisfaction hear that the preparations you have mad for the ensuing Campaign, the success you have had in recruiting His Majesty's Regiments and a sufficient Quota of provincial Troops raised in the sever Provinces, will enable your Successor to take the field early, and that, tho' you not to have the Honor of conducting the Campaign,

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[45] you may have that (and great / Honor it will be) of having made early and effectual provision for the Service.

I heartily wish you a safe voyage to England and am, Dear Sir,

Your most faithfull
and obedient humble Servant.
Dunk Halifax.

To His Excell^cy Maj^r Genl Shirley

Endorsed The Earl of Halifax's Letter / to His Excell^cy Major General / Shirley. — / Duplicate Dated April the 1st 1756.

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Extract of a Letter from the Duke of Devonshire to Mr. Fox. Carton April 10th. 1756

I have sent you, by this Night's Post, a very extraordinary Letter, which came in a Mer=chant Ship to Newry, consigned to one Mr. Gamble at Derry: He opened it, and then sent it to me. I at first thought It was a Counterfeit, as the Contents, at the Beginning, seemed very improbable, but It is so circumstantial, and so much Know=ledge of the Country contained in it, that I imgine It must be genuine; The Letter sign'd Allen, if you observe, You will find to be the same Hand Writing, as the other; and He is thought to be a Popish Priest.

I have intercepted a Letter from Hatzell to Jovell, directed to Meister Joshep Muller at Mr. Brownell Shoemaker in Chequer Lane Dublin: /It is wrote part=ly in French, and some German in it, I have sent it to Dublin to be translated, and question whether It will be done time enough to send by this Nights Post; as soon as We can get to know His Person, I will take Care to have Him seized, and all his Papers.

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Copy.)   Philadelphia March 3d 1756.

Sr

Having neglected a Conveyance I had from hence to Holland, and asking my Friend Mr Red=mond Cunnyngham, if He knew of any other Vessel for Europe, he informed me that there was one Lying ready at New York bound to Newry, and said, He woud take Care to forward the Enclosed for me; But Master Gamble (who without Flattery is a pretty promising Youth) desired me to send it to Your Care, assuring me, it woud not be de=layed with You, so I have made free to trouble You with it, requesting You woud have it sent p first Oppty and I shall send it to New York, to have it put aboard sd Vessell — as this Letter to the Duke contains chiefly a Complaint made for Injuries suffered by ye french — / You'll greatly [102] obliddge ye parties concerned, and it shall be ack=nowledged by /

Yr unknown Hble Servt

James Allen

Directed,

To/ Mr Henry Gamble

at

Londonderry

Via New York.

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America March 1st. 1756.

May it please your Grace—

I beg Leave to Referr your Grace to what I wrote yr. Gr. ye. 6th. of Janry last which I Sent under Cover to Mr John de Neufville Mercht. at Amsterdam and a Copy to Mr. Joshua Vaneck in London and now according to my Promise acquaint yr. Gr. that I have Since Levied 10,000 fine men, Such as I wou'd have and Shall Soon have my Compliment of 15,000. I have by ye bye Intimated to my Aid de Camp & Some of the Officers Some-thing of what I wrote yr. Gr. and find, that If I am assisted as requested of yr. Gr. I Shall gain my Point; But if I Shoud not hear from yr. Gr. by ye 1st of Next July, I Shall Conclude yr. Gr. has not Deigned me an Answer and Shan't for ye future trouble yr. Gr. any more, but'll Con-tent myself to end my Days in this Country, and Instead of being a freind to my King & Country, I Shall be obldiged to Act agst. both & become an Enemy to them but I trust & flatter myself that yr. Gr. 'll answer me and if yr. Gr. thinks me Worthy yr. Gr.s Corrispondence I woud now beg yr. Gr.s favour to Inform me how and in What manner to Direct for ye future to yr. Gr. to whose Care &ca— I must order my Letters &ca to be

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forwarded to yr Lgr: for I have been Strangely Puz-
-zled about Sending these I have wrote to yr Lgr:
and when I may again write to yr Lgr: it Shall
be in French wch is my own Language - I woud
also be Informed by yr Lgr: to whom it woud be
proper for me hereafter to Send an Acct &c a to of
these Parts &c in case yr Lgr Shoud be Absent &c
I am as before -

Your Grace's Most Devoted Servt

Filius Gallicæ

P.S. I was Informed that both my Letters wch were
Sent to New York was put aboard ye Nightingale
Man of War Bound to London (there being no
other Vessell at yt time Design'd for Europe)
wch did not Sail from ye hook afore ye 7th Ult -
The hook is twenty Miles from New york Harbour
from Whence all their Vessells put into Sea. I
am not now under ye Least Concern in case
any of my Letters to yr Lgr: Shoud be inspected;
that it woud be a prejudice to me -- for I am
from my behaviour among ye English here in that
Vogue among them that I Shoud not in ye
Least be Suspected, But it woud be Imagined
that those Letters were forged by Some Malicious
Persons, to undermine me and I can easily Deny
them if they Shoud Come agt me as any Name

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is not fixed & I in a great Measure Counterfieted a Different hand from what I Naturelly write—. As I have already Mentioned to yr. Gr: to whom I have under Cover Directed them In case they Shoud not be Come to yr. Gr: hands 'ere this, yr. Grace 'll hereby know of whom to Demand them. In those Letters I gave yr. Gr. Proper Directions to me &c. and beged yr. Gr: to be as expeditious to me as Possible & Seemed afear'd that I Shoud not be able to hear from yr. Gr: in time.. but now Inform yr. Gr: that yr. Gr:'ll have time enough even after ye. receipt of this for here are not Near Arms &c. enough at present for ye Number of Men I have already reased; and It's but Lately that they have been wrote for; as well from Holland as from England, Wch. don't Expect 'll be here before ye 1st. of Next June. Your Grace must know that this Army is not Reased at ye Expence of ye Crown of Brittain, but at ye Private Expence of ye Dif=-ferent Governments to ye Westward here who order & Direct every thing about it themselves— and when ready as a Compl't. to Mr. Shirley it is to be Submit=-ted to his order & Direction Wch will agree with theirs, But I hope it'll be Governed by your Grace's orders & Commands— [106.]

N.B. Pensylvania is not immediatly under ye Crown

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of Brittain but is a Propridary Government under Pen —

I beg yr. Gr: to Send to me immediatly, & I trust yr. Gr:'ll be Sending to me all next Summer, for on Receipt of ye first Letters & Sum of Money from yr. Gr: I am so persuaded of Success, that I Shall Look on all ye Countries to ye Westward as our own. I wou'd not have yr. Gr: be under any apprehensions of fear on my Acct. from ye Armies of Shirley & Johnson, they being at so great a Distance from me that I Shall be Master of those Countries before they Can in ye Least Molest me, and they may be Cut off afore they Can Come near me — Besides when I have what I have Required of yr. Gr: I Doubt not but I Shall be able to Draw ye Greatest part of their Armies over to me —. There has Lately been three English men taken up who Proved to be Spies Sent from Canada one of 'em was found Listing Men among ye Germans to Send 'em off to fort du Quesne on ye Ohio they are put in Irons in Close Prison —. If ye Cana:-dians did know what I am about they might Spare themselves ye trouble We've an Acct. here that they are raising a great force and Making great Pre:-perations in Canada agt. ye English, & have built Several Vessells of force at Lake Ontario.

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The French have built a fort not more than 40 Miles from Bethlehem while ye Indians were envading those Parts — there is a body of upwards of 3000 Shawanese & Delaware &ca Indians now in ye french Interest wch make these Inroads — these Indians were formerly in ye English Intert. but since ye Defeat of Braddock, they have taken up ye hatchet agst them — (Bethlehem is a town Settled by a People Called here ye Moravian Brethren about 60 Miles back of Phila.) but the Cherokees who are very Numerous and have Never been Con=quered have enter'd into Alliance with ye English & Choose (in great form) King George as their King & father — they have offerred me 1000 of their Men to join me at ye ohio provided I woud take them in ye Govern.ts pay; this I have Mentioned to ye Governments — but they rather Chuse that Govr. Shirley Shoud allow them the King's pay, I have Accordingly Dispatched an officer with this Message to Govr. Shirley (who is now at his Governt. at Boston) to know his pleasure abt. it.

The Cheroke Indian Nation inhabit ye Countries back of South Carolina — South Carolina is ye place where most of ye Vessells that are bound from these parts to Holland go to Load with Rice —

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I have heard that ye Indians in his most Christian Majesty's Interst have also made Inroads on ye Western frontiers of Boston — I have also
[107] heard that Monsr Wieskau's Aid de Camp was Sent over to England in ye Nightingale Man of War but I fear he'll be more Confined there so as not to be able to give any Intelligences of these parts —

NB: I mentioned to yr Gr on ye Cover of ye Copy, wch was sent to ye Care of Mr Joshua Vaneck, (the family of Mr Vaneck I was Introduced to when I first Left France and as I Soon Left London for these Parts, I Scarce knew any other there) of a body of 1100 Indians that appeared at Goshen; a place between Albany & New York, that body has Since been Quiet by a threat Sent them from ye Mohowks — I also on Sd Cover Mentioned to yr Gr the Great Number of Irish &ca that have been transported from England to Virginia & Phila=delphia for ye better Peopling ye King's plantations and also of ye Vast Number of Germans, that have been yearly imported from Holland, who are all very poor and are oblidged to Sell themselves to ye In=habitants to pay their Passage. Most of ye above People are of ye true Roman Catholick Religion & I am persuaded they woud rather (from Principle)

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Chuse to Serve my Royal Master — I also Mentioned to yr. Gr: that most of ye. hereticks here Minded no other Religion than that of getting Money &c. &c. and that I beleived they might be hired to any thing; This I am now ye more Convinced off even Among ye best & Richest of 'em — for being in Club a few Nights ago, where ye Chief Topick was upon ye Desolate Condition the Brittish Collonies to ye Westward were in at present — Maney of 'em Said, in good earnest, that it woud be ye Same thing to them Who was their King; Whether ye King of England or ye King of France, Provided they en:joyed their Estates they had here unmolested — I mention this, &c. to Set yr. Gr: see ye Disposition of Some of King George's Subjects here &c. — and what encouragement I have of Success — but I fear I have again trespassed upon yr. Gr's. patience, & again Assure yr. Gr: that it was not my Intention at first to draw this to Such Length & tho' I make so much time (wch. is very agreable to me) to write to yr. Gr. I am dayly so much hurried as to 've Scarce Leisure to eat my Meals — and now bid yr. Grace adieu untill I Shall be blessed from yr. Grace, wch. I do Soon expect, for I doubt not but yr. Grace 'll be as ready to Serve our Grand Monarch as Myself.

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NB: ye 1st & 2d of this date were Directed under Cover to ye Same hands as ye former, but Least they might not be immediatly forwarded to yr Grace, I Shall Deliver this Last Copy to one of my officers whom I Can Confide in, to be forwarded to any of his friends in Ireland—

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Addressed A Mon Seigneur / Monseigneur Le Duc de Mirepoix — / a / Paris

NB: ye 1st & 2d of this date wch were again sent to New york to be forwarded from thence, I have heard, were put aboard ye Packet there, Bound to London—

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Whitehall April 20th 1756. 109.

Duke of Devonshire.

Secret.

My Lord,

I received, Yesterday, the Honor of Your Grace's Letter of the 10th Inst, together with That to Mr Gamble of Londonderry, in=closing a very extraordinary One to the Duc de Mirepoise from America; And, in order to assist Your Grace in Your fur=ther Enquiry I have the King's Com=mands to acquaint You, with what has lately passed Here, concerning the same unknown Correspondent.

A Letter, dated America, the 6th of Janry, and Another, the 1st of March last, having been intercepted Here, were lately brought to me; The Latter was in the same / Words with That Your Grace [110] has now transmitted; And Both these Let=ters, being of the Most dangerous Nature, the King ordered me to give Copies of Them to Colo Webb, who was then setting out to take the Command of His Majty's Forces in America, and to suggest to Him the most probable Means, That had occurred to

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The King's Servants Here, for the immediate Discovery of the Authors of Them; One Capt. George Croghan an Intriguing Disaffected Per=son, and Indian Trader, in Pensylvania, was very much suspected, nor does the Name of James Allen, (probably a Fictitious One) / subscribing the Letter to Mr. Gamble of Derry, remove the Suspicion, there not being any considerable Person, as I am informed, in Philadelphia, of That Name; But I beg Your Grace will inform Your=self, upon what Foundation He is thought to be a Popish Priest. _ Master Gamble be=ing mentioned, in the Letter, to have de=sired It might be addressed to Mr. Gamble of Derry, Your Grace will endeavour to get from Him some Account of that

[111] Young Man, and of Mr. Redmond Cun=ningham of Philadelphia, in case He is also known to Him; And if He will write a Letter or Letters to this Master

[112] Gamble, & Mr. Cunningham, requiring Them to Acquaint the Bearer, who He was, That delivered to Them, in Philadelphia, the Letter, directed to Him at Derry, It may tend greatly to the Discovery of the Person

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concerned; And It is The King's Pleasure, That your Grace should send me these Letters, and the Result of Your Enquiries, by Express, That Lord Loudoun, who is still Here, may be instructed accordingly.

I have the Satisfaction to acquaint Your Grace, That the King extremely Ap:-proves Your Diligence in Endeavouring to discover Mr. Zobell, and in Examining His Correspondence; But indeed there is Rea-son to / imagine, from Baron Hatzell's Let-ter to Him, that He is rather trying to get a Subsistance by some wild Chymical Undertaking, than by any Political Intrigue; Nor does His having been formerly em:-ployed by the King of Prussia now give Reason for suspecting Him; Yet, It may not be improper for Your Grace to continue Your Attention to His Correspondence, till His real Occupation and Designs are entirely clear-ed up. [118]

I am &ca

H: Fox.

P.S.

The King has, this Day, signed the Instrument for your Grace's Leave of

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Absence, and the Appointment of the Lords Justices, agreable to Your Recommendation; But It cannot be sent to you, till next Post, on Account of the Stamp Office being shut, during the Holidays. -

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Endorsed Draᵗ to the Duke of | Devonshire | April 20th 1756. | Secret.

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Extract of a Letter from the Duke of Devonshire to Mr. Fox. Dublin April 26th. 1756.

I have this moment received Your Letter of the 20th.; I will endeavour to obey His Maj.tys Commands, with regard to Mr. Gamble, with all the Expedition, & Punctuality in my Power.

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Endorsed Extract of a Letter from / the Duke of Devonshire / to Mr. Fox / Dublin April 26th. 1756

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Dublin April 28th. 1756.

Dr. Cousn.

Your Father received a Letter from one James Allen of Philadelphia, covering a Letter to be forwarded to the Duke de Mirepoise; To this Allen He (your Father) is a Stranger; but with Him You are well acquainted; therefore I intreat You will take the Bearer hereof to said Allen, that He may transact with Him some Business.

I shall be very glad to hear soon & often from You, being,

Dr. Bob, Your affect. Uncle

Wm. Gamble.

Directed.

To

Mr. Robt. Gamble

at Mr. Redmd. Coningham's, Mercht.

in

Philadelphia

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Endorsed Copy of a Letter from Mr/ Wm. Gamble to Mr. / Robt. Gamble / Dublin April 28th. 1756 / the Original of this Letter / was given to the Earl of / Loudoun

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Copy.)

Dublin April 28th 1756

Sr.

In a Letter of the 4th: Curr.t, which I received from my Brother Henry Gamble of London:=derry, He sent me Two Letters, which He desired I should read, and consider well, as possibly They may be proper to lay before His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. I accordingly perused Them carefully, and consulted some Gentlemen of Distinction & Judgement about Them, & they agreed with me, That They ought to be laid before His Grace, which was accord:=ingly done.

One of these Letters is from one James Allen of Philadelphia, Covering a Letter for the Duke de Mirepoise, which He begs of Him to forward; He acknowledges Himself a Stranger to my Brother, but says He is well acquainted with You, & His Son (whom He calls a promising Youth) & on the Recommendation of You Two, [124] He has wrote to Him, & committed the Care of forwarding the Letter to the Duke de Mirepoise; Therefore It's reasonable to think, that You & my Nephew (to whom I now write) are acquainted with said Allen; And as It's thought necessary to

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examine this Man closely, in regard to his In=
=closure, I now intreat Your taking the Bearer here=
=of to said Allen, that He may be brought before proper People, who may Pick from Him Things of Consequence to the Country You live in. To a Man of Your Principles, I need not urge Your Readiness to a Discovery of a very evil Intention in this Affair, because I am convinced You will go about it with the greatest Alacrity. On this Head or any other I shall be glad to hear from You, being,

Dear Sr.

Your most Obedt. Servt.

Wm. Gamble.

Directed

To

Mr. Redmd. Coningham, Mercht.

in

Philadelphia

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Endorsed Copy of a Letter from Mr. | Wm. Gamble to Mr. | Redmd. Coningham. | Dublin April 28th 1756. | the Original of this | Letter was given to the | Earl of Loudoun

Extract of a Letter from the Duke of Devon:
-shire to Mr. Fox. Dublin May 5th 1756.

I send you a Copy of another Letter from the same Person to the D. de Mirepoix: Mr. Gamble at Derry opened it, & sent only a Copy; I have wrote for the Original, & desired, that, if any more Letters come, He would send them to me unopened.

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Endorsed Extract of a Letter from | the Duke of Devonshire | to Mr. Fox. | Dublin May 5th 1756

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Copy. 131.

America March 19th. 1756.

May it please Your Grace,

I ask Your Grace's Pardon for troubling Your Grace again, when I said I wou'd not, but can not omit acquainting Your Gr: that I have disclosed in a great Measure what I have wrote to Your Grace to ten of my Officers who I know I cou'd confide in, and We have all solemnly sworn to each other (in Case my Request to Your Grace be granted) not to sheath the Sword 'till all the Country to the Westward and Southward be the Pro=perty of His Most Christian Majesty. And as We are all sensible in an Enterprise of this Nature that We must either vanquish or perish in the Attempt. We are prepared to meet whatever Fate may attend us in behalf of our King and Coun=try — these Officers assure me that most of the Men they have listed are of the true Ro=man Catholick Religion and do not in the least doubt but that they'll very easily prevail with them to join them, but We shan't dare to trust them till We hear from Your Gr: I wou'd still further request the Favour of Yr. Gr:, to cause to be Sent immediately to me proper Passes from his most Christian Majesty for / Liberty to pass [132] thro' any of his Dominions either by Sea or

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Land for Persons and Vessels, I shall have Occasion to employ there may be Blanks left for their Names. I shall soon be in Want of them.—

I wou'd observe to Yr. Gr: that the Armies of Shirley and Johnson will not be made up to the Number I at first mentioned nor near so soon ready these generals are obliged to give large Boun=ties to the men they now enlist — the new Eng=land Troops viz wch last Year only for a twelvemonth being sent home during the Winter Season will by no Means be prevail'd upon to return and Serve again this year, and many of their men have deserted since have deserted since they've been in Quarters, and altho' the Winter hab been Exceeding moderate in these parts, there has been scarce nothing done towards the Expe=ditions carried on by said generals this year they have but lately began to enlist men to compleat their compliment, & raize them very slowly — The Differences between the Different Governments there still subsist, and even in each City there are Parties against each other — I mention this again to let Yr. Gr. See the delitori=ness &c of the English here, & cou'd wish the Canadians were made sensible of it, the Govern=ments here to the Westward (notwithstanding the

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Defeat of Braddock last year, and major Washing=ton the year afore, & the Indians on their Frontiers at present) seem to be much the Same employed with the other Governments in scribling one against another and often publickly in their Gazettes, but I don't find that any of their scan=dalous Disputes were inserted. They are so busied with each other that they leave everything now with regard to the Army - they have highly applauded the Secrecy and Dispatch in which I have acted, for no mention is scarce made of my enlisting men - & ye Printers have been strictly forbid to insert anything about it in their Papers, least the French might hear of it, as the above mentioned defeats were chiefly owing to Intelligences the French had got, & must ac=quaint Yr. Gr. - & must acquaint Yr. Gr. that these Defeats are the Cause in a great Measure of their exerting themselves thus at this Time.

The Quakers in Philadelphia &c chear=fully contribute towards my raising men to free them & country from invasions of the french & Indians but will not, notwithstanding all / the [134] Calamities they have already Suffered from the War be prevailed upon to have a proper Mili=tia Act pretending its against their Religion to

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bear Arms (tho' the other Citizens have associat-
-ed and formed a compleat Regiment) how
easily is a Country conquered when the People are
thus infatuated, and while their Heads and Ru-
-lers keep thus divided — their are some in the
armies of Shirley and Johnson in my Interest,
who are privately causing discontents among the
Soldiers. — I have complained to the Philadelphia
assembly of Shirley & Dunbar &c having their re-
-cruiting Officers in Pensylvania to enlist their
Men, at a time when we want them so much
for the frontiers to the Westward &c — Since my
last Letter to Yr. Ly most of the able bodied
Acadians, which have been transported from Nova
Scotia & dispersed thro' out these Colonies have
flocked to me, & enlisted under me, & this is ap-
-proved of by the Governors, oh! Blindness &
Stupidity of the English to Imagine such men
will fight their Battles who wou'd rather chuse
to cut their Throats, but their confidence in me
makes them thus careless at this time. / My Of-
[136] -ficers to the Southward & here have enlisted 1800
Germans & Irish &c. besides since my last, &
now only lack about 2200 which I shall soon
get — Wt. a fair Opportunity has his Majesty
at this Time to gain whatever he pleases in

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America, wch if neglected will be too late for me to influence the Soldiery, as I shall now be able to do, and it will never hereafter be in my Power to offer thus again, as I shall be obliged to destroy those Countries & People whose Assistance wou'd other=wise be of great Service, and those Indians which are now so hearty in his Majesty's Cause must join me for their own safety, for my Orders are to carry fire & sword as far as I can go for which purpose I have chosen men (not such as Braddock brought over to be frightend and put in Confusion by y^e^ yellowing & hooping of the Indians) & must acquaint Y^r^. Lp: that Shirley's & Johnson's Armies have also picked men, for altho' the Eng=lish are jangling together (which considerably de=lays and Injures their Expeditions) they wou'd seem as if they were determined now to do their utmost Endeavours to drive the French (if possible) out of America, that they may no more be under their Invasions, & must say that were they hearti=ly united they wou'd be considerably an Overmatch for the French / they are much more numerous, [136.] & have the best Countries, & much Wealth among them. I have at this Time considerable to com=municate to Y^r^. Lp:, if I shou'd be assured of what I requested, but I'll content with what I

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have already intimated to Yr. Gr.— in hopes of being better able to do it hereafter. & now can thus far rest satisfied to my Conscience that I have in part discharged my duty & affection to my King & Country and my Engagements at Canada— & now assure Yr. Gr. that these shall be my last Letters that Yr. Gr. shall receive from me without your Grace's Commands. I wou'd observe to Yr. Gr. that my last Letters to Yr. Gr. were dated the 1st March, tho' they were writ the 20th of Febry for a peculiar Reason to myself they were again immediately sent New York (where I had heard were Vessels lying ready to Sail for Europe) under cover to Messrs. Joshua Vaneck in London & John Neufville at Amsterdam, & were put aboard the packet boat wch sailed the next —— for London. but these is written this Day, my first Letters sent last Jany to Yr. Gr. were also under Cover to said Messrs. Vaneck & de Neufville, & were put aboard the Nightingale Man of War, but did not with that Dispatch my last did, for said / Man of War lay waiting about 3 weeks for a Wind which is uncommon at that Time of the Year, Yr. Gr. will be pleased to observe that the chief of what I wrote is hints of my design upon the English, and to shew the great

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Probability there is, & with how ease his Majesty may subdue them at this Time (which is the only thing needfull at present to write) and to induce Your Gr: to cause me to be enabled there:=to, I have wrote Yr. Gr: nothing but plain Matters of fact, but must confess I can't so well explain myself this was as verbatim. — I inform'd Yr. Gr. at first that I was not de:=signed a Scribler, but was bred to the Army, & if my writing is not so elegant and correct as it shoud be, I trust Your Grace's goodness will excuse me, for I dare not yet trust any to copy my Letters. I pray Your Gr: notwith:=standing the incorrectness of them to pay a due regard to what I have wrote & said.

I am with all due deference & Respect to Yr. G.

Your Grace's most obedt. / Humble Servant

Filius Gallicæ

P.S. I have in my 1st Letters given Yr. Gr: proper directions for me, and have since wrote Yr. Gr. to whose care I had sent them, and if Yr. Gr: will be pleased to direct

To

Mr. Pierre Fidell

to be left at Mr. Roemers

Coffee house (untill asked for)

in New York in America

it will without fail come to my hand —

1st

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151.

Buskey Park
May ye 9th
1756

Dear Sir

I am obliged to you for the Sight of the last intercepted Letter transmitted to you, by his Grace the Duke of Devonshire in his Letter of the 3d. of May, which I this day received at Buskey, and will trouble you with a few Remarks I have made on it, necessary for My Lord Loudon's Information, tho' very probably you have already made the Same.

I think we had so many data in the former Letters, that it woud not have been possible for the Author to escape Detection, but in this last there are Some very remarkable ones.

In the first Place he says he has communicated the Plan of his Treachery to ten of his Officers, by which (if true) it appears that he must have the Command of a Regiment at least.

He Says the Said ten Officers assure him that Most of the Men they have enlisted are Roman Catholicks; upon which I woud Submit to you whether it woud not be right to recommend to Lord Loudoun to Send an Officer or two whom he can trust to Examine into the

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[152] Character/of the Men enlisted by the ten Officers under the Author's Command, and to dismiss such as are known or Strongly Suspected to be Papists.

He says the Governments to the Westward have highly applauded the Secrecy and Dispatch with which he has enlisted Men. it will be easily known whom the Governors to the Westward have so applauded, and who has been authorised to raise Men in their Governments.

He tells the Duke of Mirepoix that the Quakers in Pensylvania have given their Consent to his raising men there; by which the Doubt we were in concerning the Province in which the Gentleman was employ'd in raising Men is cleared up.

if he has complained, as he says he has, to the Assembly of Pensylvania of Shirley & Dun=bar's Officers raising Recruits in that Province, when they are wanted for the Service to the West=ward, it will be very easily known who the Gentle=man is who has made these Complaints to the Assembly.

if he has already raised, as he says he has, 1600 Men, Germans and Irish, & expects soon to have 2000 more, he must be of a Character & Authority not to be mistaken.

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If most of the able-bodied Acadians, as he assures the Duke of Mirepoix, have flocked /to him, [153]
I submit it to you whether My Lord Loudoun shoud not be directed to make diligent Enquiry into the Matter, & immediately discharge them from his Majesty's Service. And as he likewise says that some in Shirley & Johnson's Army are in his Interest, and are now privately fomenting Discontents among the Soldiers, I woud submit to you whether My Lord Loudoun shoud not have an Hint to be in an Extraordinary Manner watchfull on this Head.

I have but one other Remark to make, & that is on his saying he is order'd to carry Fire & Sword as far as he can; which, if true, seems to intimate pretty clearly that he is to have the Command of the Expedition. In the Letters you sent me the other Way Mr. Shirley tells you that Mr. Sharpe Governor of Maryland is to command the Western Expedition.

I send you these Remarks as short as I can because I woud not take up more of your Time than is necessary & am Dear Sir

Your Most faithfull/& obedient Humble Servant

Dunk Halifax

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Endorsed | E. of Halifax | May 9. 1756. | To be sent to Lord Loudon.

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Present at the Council
Maj.r Gen.l Shirley
Sir Cha.s Hardy
Dep.ty Gov.r Sharpe
Dep.ty Gov.r Morris
Gov.r Fitch
Col.o Dunbar
Maj.r Craven
Sir John S.t Clair
Maj.r Kinneer
Maj.r Rutherford.

In the Minutes of the Council of War, held at Albany, on the 12th of Dec.r, It appears, that Part of the Plan of Operations, proposed by Gen.l Shirley, was, that, after dislodging the French from Cadaraqui, & la Gallette, the Troops should proceed to Niagara, Presqu'Isle, the River au Boeuf, the Detroit, Missilimackinac, &c.a, & that 3000 Troops should at the same time be marched to Fort Duquesne from Wills's Creek, to attack that Fort.

The Council approve this Proposal, & advise the General to recommend it to the Western Governments, [156.] to undertake an Attempt upon Fort Duquesne, & to do it in such manner as will not in the least, interfere with the other Expeditions.

It does not appear, that

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Genl. Shirley has sent any Orders to the Western Governments, in consequence of this Plan, nor has any Account been received here, with regard to the Execution of it; but Dep^ty. Govr. Morris, & Dep^ty Govr. Sharpe, were pre=sent at the Council.

These Minutes are transmitted by Genl. Shirley in his Letter of the 19th Decr. in which He says nothing

[157] of the Western Colonies, but that they have done very little hitherto.

Genl. Shirley, in his Letter of Decr. 20th gives an Account of his having Super=seded Genl. Braddocks Commission to Sir Willm. Johnson, & given him a New One, without the Words Sole Superintendant. He also incloses a Copy of his Letter to Sir Willm. Johnson, on that Occasion, & of Ad=ditional Instructions, (without Date) to him, with regard to Engaging the Six Nations to the assistance of Pensylvania; which ad=ditional Instructions are the same with those dated the 24th Decr. 1755,

[158] & transmitted to the Board of Trade by Sir William John=son._ Genl. Shirley says, that in conse=quence of Govr. Morris's Application for Troops,

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he had determined to send him 90 Regulars, being all he could spare.— Mr. Shirley also says, he had sent Copies of his Instructions to Sir Willm. Johnson, to the Western Govern:=ors, from Pensylvania to So. Carolina, both inclusive, together with a Paper of Proposals for Measures to be taken by them, which Paper only contains Directions for carrying on a Treaty with the Southern Indians, /to en:=gage them to assist the English, & take the Hatchet against the French, by Promises of English Pay, Arms, Ammunition, & In:=dian Cloaths:— But this Paper does not contain any Order to the Govrs. for raising Men in their respective Provinces. [159]

Endorsed Abstracts from / Govr. Shirley's / Letters of Decr. / 19th. & 20th. [160]

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Should it be the Determination of Government, that a future Attempt be made for the Re=duction of Louisbourg, the following Intimations are humbly offer'd, and two Plans here=with presented.

The best time for prosecuting an Ex=pedition against Cape Breton, will be, by landing thereon about the latter End of April, or begining of May, the Coast being then clear of Ice, the Weather then good and daily growing better, and no Annoyance then arriving from Foggs.

Gabarus Bay being of considerable Extent affords good & safe Anchorage for Ships of any Burthen, and sufficient Conveniencys, for landing Troops, Artillery &c., and for watering a Fleet; the French had no Fortifications or Batterys there in 1745, if any are since erected they will be of little Impediment to the landing Troops, if cover'd by a Ship or two of War; from hence the Approach to the Town is easy, the Transportation of Cannon & Mortars, thro some Morasses & hilly Grounds, is by well known Experience practicable, by Men used to the hawling heavy Bodys, thro such like bad Ground, which will require large and long Sleds to be made on the Spot, Square Fir Timber to be carry'd from New England for the purpose, and

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some few People from thence to direct and assist in the Management of this Affair, and in the providing Harness & large Ropes for the Mens hawl=ing the same, as it can't be effected by Cattle.

The most advantageous if not only Situa=tion for Batterys of Cannon & Mortars / for reduce=ing Louisbourg, may be found within 200 or at most 300 Paces of the Glacis, on the West End of the Town, one Battery of Cannon will be ser=viceable, on the high Land lying North West of the Citadel about 200 Rod or 1100 paces, and an=other small Battery at the distance of about 160 Rod North East thereof, being 280 Rod from the Center of the Town, for cannonadeing the same and the Citadel, these two Batterys will make a Cross Fire thrô the Town, distress the Inhabit=ants, and necessitate their Reception into the Caze=matts; and the Soldiery will thereby be more exposed than otherwise; while the first mentiond Batterys will be employ'd in makeing Breaches, and a Bombardment: The Encampment of the main Body of the Army, may with the greatest Convenience to it, be made at Fresh Water Brook marked in the largest of the Plans A, thô for the Security of the advanced Works, it's apprehended there may be a Necessity of the Main

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Body being much nearer, and suitable Ground mark=ed B, within a Mile South West of the Cita=del may be found for it, cover'd by a riseing Ground, from the Cannon of the Town.

If on arrival of the Troops at Cape Breton there should be found any French Ships of War in the North West Harbour of Louis=bourg, that might impede the Approaches against the Town, a Sunk Battery may be first made, at the distance of about 80 or 90 Rod West from the West Gate of the Town, and about the same distance from the Western Side, in a very comodious Situation for annoying if not intirely destroying such Ships of War; in carrying on this Work the Pioneers need not be exposed / to the Enemys [163] Cannon, either from the Ships or Town, to this proposed Battery marked C, no Ships can ap=proach nearer than half a Mile, and not more than three Ships in a Line can bring their Guns to bear against any part of it, should not this Battery be effectual to the Des=truction of all the Ships, that may Anchor in the North West Harbour (the Brittish Forces be=ing Masters of the Field) other convenient Places may be found, for erecting Batterys for this Pur=pose, in particular that before mention'd on the

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Plain D being about 200 Rod N W of the Citadel, or that marked E being about 280 Rod from the Center of the Town.

Should a French Fleet, and a further Num=ber of Troops arrive at Louisbourg, before His Ma=jesty's Ships and the Land Forces; as sufficient Numbers of Men, may on reasonable Notice & En=couragement be raised in America for this Ex=pedition - should the whole Number of French Sailors do Duty ashore, it's to be hoped We may have a Superiority in the Field, in which case, the larger the Number of French Ships of War (ours being equal to them & keeping the Sea) the greater will be the Advantage, by haveing so good an Opportunity of shortening the War.

To expedite the Reduction of Cape Breton, it will be very necessary to obtain Possession of the Light House Point, near the Extremity of which its said the French have erected a Bat=tery at or near a Place, marked in the Plan F which is open to the Landward, the possessing this Port and erecting there a Battery, is of the greatest Consequence, and deserves a considerable Force to support it; its therefore proposed that, should there be no French Ships of War in the Harbours,

[164] at least 1000 Men well appointed, / be destin'd for

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the Service, and detain'd at Gabarus Bay, till Louisbourg is invested, and then proceed, with a suitable Train under Convoy of some of the small Vessells of War, either to Great or little Lorembec, which are distant frº the Light House E & E not exceeding 6 Miles, in these Rivers marked in the small Plan, G & H or at the Entrance thereof Ships of 2 to 300 Tun may anchor, these Troops should with all Expedition march from thence, with some Field Pieces for the Light House Point, where finding the Enemy have not quitted this Hold, they may probably by Favor of the ad-joyning Hills, especially that, on which the Light House stands, dislodge them, by their Musketry & Field pieces, if not the necessary Artillery, may be transported from Lorembec, thrô clear & open Ground, marked in the same Plan I to the Light House Point, but should the Enemy have deserted that Battery, the Artillery may be transported in Boats or a small Sloop to a little Bay or Cove marked on both Plans K lying about 400 Paces, from the Spot, that will be found convenient for erecting a Battery on, in this little Bay the New England Cannon were landed dureing the Siege in 1745

After gaining Possession of the Light House Point, and transporting the Cannon thither, should the

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Enemy have render'd theirs unservicable, a Battery may be very soon compleated, that will enfilade the whole Platform of the Island Battery, which Platform is situate about 3 Points more to the Westward, than is laid down in the larger Plan, from this Bat=tery two Cannon only can annoy the proposed Works; those two, that in the Year last mention'd, were employ'd for this purpose were soon silenced, owing hereto / the exposed Situation of the Platform, and
[165] the great Success from the Bombs, a Capitulation was made within 48 hours after the Bombardment of the Island commenced: But as att all Events, the Island Battery should on an Attempt against Louisbourg, be as early as possible reduced, some farther Methods may be taken, that may contribute thereto, it's therefore proposed, that a Bomb Ship or two, may be employd under Cover of the Green Island, in the Situations marked in the larger Plan L & M which are distant about half a Mile from the Island Battery: and should the Platform of the said Battery be barricado'd, or any ways secured against the Cannon of the Light House Battery it may be greatly annoy'd by a Ship of the Line lying under the last mentiond Cover marked M and assisting in the Demolition of the Barracks & Magazine, or if it be found

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needfull a Battery both of Cannon & Mortars may be erected on the Green Island, by some one or other of these means, it's not supposed the Island Battery can be long tenable: But should any thing further be necessary towards the Reduction thereof, it may infallibly be effected, by another Ship or two of the Line, takeing Birth in 4 fathom Water at the North Easterly End of said Island, in or near the Situa=tion marked (4) where no more than the two Can=non aforemention'd, can give the least Interruption, as the Ship or Ships will be cover'd from any Cannon of the Town.

By reduceing the Island Battery, and con=tinueing that proposed on the Light House Point the whole Harbour will be under Command, but by the former only much Time & Blood may be saved, as Louisbourg will be utterly disabled, from [166] makeing an effectual Defence.

Possibly it may be objected, that it will be very Difficult, if not impracticable to erect a Battery on the Light House Point, should any Ships of War, be in the Harbour of Louisbourg; to this it may be answer'd, that it's probable no such Ships, will at the time afore proposed be there, but should there be any, they can't pos=sibly obstruct the Works, without going to the

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Harbours Mouth, and being exposed to the British Ships; but this can't happen, if His Majestys Troops are as formidable as hath been proposed.

It can't reasonably be supposed that Louis:-bourg, by effectual Measures being taken can hold out above 14 days after being in:-vested, but should the Siege continue a Month, it will afterwards be, the very best Season in the Year, for an Attempt upon Quebec, in which, with good Pilots, and a sufficient Force by Sea, and one that can be depended on to joyn in Aid by Land, the wished for Success may be expected.

7th Nov.r 1757

Endorsed To The Right Hon.ble / William Pitt Esq.r / One of His Majestys / Principal Secretary of / State &c.a &c.a &c.a / Scheme for taking / Louisbourg, by / Brigadier Waldo, / with two plans.

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Dear Sir.

Least I should not have been yesterday, understood in the Affair of Lorembec, which I hope may be found an important one, I flatter myself, it may not be disagreeable, that I re=peat my having (dureing about 14 months resi=dence at Cape Breton) been over all the Sands I have mention'd, except that extending from Lorem=bec towards the Light House, & adjacent Hills, which Hills I frequently traversed dureing the Siege in 1745, on the distant View from thence I founded my Opinion of the practicableness of the Lorembec Road, which have often been con=firm'd in, by those who have traveld it, in particular Capt. Loring of the Navy, whose Know=ledge & Veracity may be depended on, and his readyness to give You, sattisfactory Information res=pecting the same.

As to the Plan of Revenue, which I desir'd your Perusall of, and the Favor of seeing You again, to explain any part thereof, that might be necessary, before You communicated it; I have only to say, that should it be thought ex=pedient to raise a Fund in America, for defray=ing the Expence of the Colony Troops &ca, in the present Exigency, it will I really think be more

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agreeable to the Northern Colonys, than any other Plan whatever, especially if it extend to the Sugar Islands, the Fate of which intirely depending on that of the Continent, the several Colonys will hereby bear a just & equal Proportion towards carrying on the War and secureing such of them as may be most exposed, or extirpateing the French from America.

[174.] Att the first View of this Proposal it may appear to have a Tendency to increase the smuggling Trade in America, (thô none has or perhaps can be found to prevent it in Brittain) I shall be ready, in case the Proposal is in other Respects approved, to mention one, that I be:-lieve may be effectual; I have a Friend, that I have frequently discoursed on this, and other Ameri:=can Affairs, who is better acquainted with the Cir:=cumstances of all the American Colonys, than any other Person from thence, who assures me, he is certain, that Success will infallibly attend a Method he would propose, which he has never yet mentiond to any one, thô with great Pleasure, he would most readi:=ly communicate the same to You, his Proposal he tells me is not an Excise Act, or the Increase of the Number of Officers in America.

The Province of the Massachusetts Bay

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having lately, for some of the Purposes I have mention'd, laid an Import Duty of 2 1/2 p Cent on all foreign Manufactures, may be a tollerable good precident, for such a Duty becoming general, but without the Aid of Parliament, neither that, or in lieu thereof, any Fund by Drawbacks, as I have proposed can happen.

The giveing Liberty of importing Fruit, Wine, & Oyle from Portugall, Spain & Italy, di: =rectly into the Colonys, instead of their being limitted, by the Act of Navigation to bring them first to Brittain will be of considerable Revenue to the Public, which in the Articles of Wine & Oyle, hath experienced very little if any Advantage from that Act.

As to Fines, Forfeitures, Escheats & Qui: =trents to the Crown, and the Net Revenue of the Post Office in America, the moneys that have hitherto arrisen herefrom, have been incon: =siderable, however, / the Appropriation thereof, to the general Purposes of America, will be ex: =treemly pleasing to the People there, and from such an appropriation the Revenue will become more considerable than otherwise. [175]

I am conscious that I have taken up too much of your Time, I begg Sir, that

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You'll impute it, to my Zeal for the public Service; and that You'll give me Leave to assure You that I am

Sir

Your most Obliged
& very humble Servant
Sa. Waldo

Westminster
10th Novr. 1757

Endorsed Nov. 10. 1757/ Brigadier Waldo / (further Explanations / of Brigadier Waldo's Scheme)

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Fruit, Wine & Oyle from Portugal, Spain & Italy
Forreign Rum, Mollasses & Sugar
Drawbacks on Dutch & other Forreign Linens Canvas, Hemp &c^a
Quitrents, Fines & Escheats in America.
Net Revenue of the Post Office in America.

A Fund that may arrise from Duty, Drawbacks, and the other Articles abovemention'd, it's supposed would be very agreeable to His Majestys American Subjects if applyd to the following Purposes.

Payment of Colony Troops, their Equipment Subsistence, Transportation &c^a in War,

Maintenance of Forts & Garrisons in the several Colonys.

Half Pay if needfull to the American Officers

Support & better Settlement of the Provinces of Nova Scotia & Georgia.

Bountys to be given forreign, Irish & Scots Protestants, to encourage their Settlement on the Frontiers of America.

Bountys for raising Hemp, Flax, Madder Silk, and makeing Potash, Indigo, Iron & other rough Materialls for the Manufactures of Great Brittain.

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No new Imposition is proposed, but chiefly a Moderation of the Severity of the present Acts of Parliament, relateing to His Majestys Revenue in America, and applying a part thereof, to the purposes aforemention'd

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The Objections hitherto started against any one Branch of Revenue proposed, may its humbly supposed, be demonstrated of no Weight, but un=less the Remedy against smugling be effectual, the whole Plan must fail —

Endorsed Nov. 10. 1757 / Brigadier Waldo / (Scheme for a fund / from Duty's, Drawbacks / &c in N. America to / be applied to certain / purposes beneficial / to those Colony's.)

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Memorandums relating to America.

That twenty three Ships of the Line, with Eight Frigats and two Sloops be put under the command of Vice Adml. Boscawen who is to be appointed Commander in Chief off all His Majestys Ships em=ployed, and to be employed on the coast of North America, that to make up this number of Ships fifteen of the line be added to the Eight that are now at Halifax; and that Rr. Adml. Sir Charles Hardy be appointed to Serve under Vice Adml. Boscawen.

That Sir Charles Hardy be sent direct=ly in a Frigate to New York with neces=sary Instructions from the Secretary of State, the Lords of the /Admiralty, and [162] the Commander in cheif of the Ships, to forward whatever may be requisite for the expedition.

That the 43 Transports at Southamp=ton amounting to 10,964 Tuns be forthwith sent to New York under proper Convoy, to embark such Troops as may be necessary to be sent from thence to any other part

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of North America, subject to the orders of Sir Charles Hardy

That the Transports now on their way to New York with the Highlanders from Cork under Convoy of the Hampshire be Detained there to be employed in such Manner as the Commander in chief of His Majestys Ships shall direct.

[183] /That the 22 Transports whose Tunage amounts to 6435 Tuns now refitting in the Thames be sent with all possible expedition to Spithead to receive the three Battalions designed for N. America, which are to proceed either with the Admiral Commanding in chief or such detached part of the Squadron as shall be thought necessary.

Proper Instructions to be given to the Officers commanding the Troops that when they are embarked on board the Transports, they do obey the Orders of the Commander in Chief of the Kings Ships for so long time as the said Troops remain on board the Transports.

[184] /That the Transports which carry the Highlanders to New York under Convoy of the Hampshire, be employed to transport

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the Ordnance and Stores thereto belonging from thence to Halifax or what other place shall be thought necessary.

That the Secretary of State do signify the Kings pleasure to all the Governors in North America to assist the Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships with Seamen and Artificers whenever he shall apply for that purpose.

That the Commanding Officer of the Troops or Ships in North America have power to lay an Embargo on Shiping whenever they shall find it necessary for the Kings Service.

/That directions may be sent to Mr. Misservy of Piscatuqua to provide a Com=pany of Eighty Carpenters, to be employed occasionaly with the Land Forces. [186]

That ~~Colonel Lawrance~~ Capt Lacey (sic) be ordered to con=tract for Twenty five Whale Boats at Boston to be ready for the Services of the Fleet.

The Hampshire being order'd from New York to Virginia to Convoy the trade home from thence to England, the Cap=tain to be directed to receive Lord Loudoun,

provided his Lordship can so timely embark that the trade may not be disapointed of a Convoy.

[186.] That Capt Loring should proceed im:=mediatly in the Squirril with all the necessary dispatches for the intended Ser:=vices to be carried on in America.

[188] Endorsed 28 Decr 1757. / Memms: relating to / North America.

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To acquaint the Lords of the Admiralty with the Instructions the King has given to Admiral Boscawen about leaving a Num:ber of Ships and Frigats to winter in North America, and to signifie His Ma:jestys Pleasure to them, to cause to be prepared, and sent to Halifax with the utmost expedition all such stores as may be necessary for refitting and cleaning the / said Ships, together with provisions [190] and whatever else May be requisite to put them into Condition for next Years service and that ~~they~~ the said Ships may be ready to proceed thereon by the Month of February.

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powder, ball, & match — The like to the Master General of the Ordnance as far as relates to that Office.

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Endorsed Heads / of a Letter to the / Admiralty to provide / Stores &c. for the / Ships that are to / be left in North / America.

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Falm

Falm^o. March 25th 1761

My Lord & Honble Sir

I humbly beg leave to Acquaint Your Lordship and Hon^rs that the General Wall Pac=quet Boat arrived here last Evening After Twenty one Days Passage from New York, She was sent from thence Express at the Earnest desire of General Amherst with Dispatches of great conse=quence to the Government, but meeting last fri=day with a french Privateer of great force, was obliged to Strike first throwing her mails & Dis=patches overboard, and Afterwards Ransom'd for Six hundred Pounds, which Ransom Bill and Journal accompanys this to the Master, who de=sired leave to proceed directly to London to wait on your Lordship and Hon^rs and as the Ship will take at least Two months or more before She can / be fitted for want of Guns &c, which [194] must come either from London or Bristol, there=fore I comply'd with his request and I hope Your Lordship and Hon^rs will not be displeased with me for it. —

I further beg leave to Say that it will be absolute necessary for the owners of the General Wall to give directions to some here, as She will want every thing necessary for the Service;

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& it's my Opinion, that for Guns, Sails Riggon Ammunition &c will amount to above six hundred Pounds.

Captn. Sutwidge died of his Wounds last Sunday—

I am with the most Dutyfull respect
Your Lordships & Honrs. Truely faithfull
& Obedt. Servant
Geo Bell

The Right Honble.
The Postmaster General

[146] Endorsed. Falmouth March 25'. | Mr. Bell.

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197.

Genl. Post Office
Fryday night 11. o'clock.

Sir,

I just now receive, by an Express from Falmouth, the disagreeable News of One of Our Ameri=can Packett-boats, vizt ye Genl. Wall, being taken, in her return Home from New York, by a French Privateer. – As She had Two Mails on board, & several Dispatches from Genl. Amherst, I thought it my duty to give you the earliest Notice of this Misfortune; for the particulars of which I must referr you to the Inclosed from the Master, & from the Agent at / Falmouth; & have the honour to be with the greatest Truth, & Respect, [198]

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant

Robt. Hampden

Rt. Honble. Mr. Wm. Pitt. /

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Endorsed Mr. Hampden | March 27: 1761.

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My Lord & Humble Sir

On Wednesday the 5th Novr. having on board Two Mails for New York, at 1 P.M. I got under way from Falmouth Harbor Wind at N.W. in com=pany with the Frederick & Duke Pacqt. boats. but in Standing out to Sea we met the wind Blow=ing so hard to the Wt.ward that we Put Back again next morning. & waited for a fair wind till Sundy the 9th Novr. Saild. again at 11 a.m. with the wind at S.E in Company with the Duke Pacqt. had the wind Variable & much to the Wt. wd. for 2 Days. & then the wind came about to the Et. ward & continued pleasent fresh Gales for Several Days. we kept company with Capt. Willon till the 15th Novr. we parted in Lattd. 38°.45' & Longd. 16°:00' Wt., on the 22d followg. in Lattd. 29°:30' & Longd. 38°:00' Wt. we was chased by a Ship above 12 hours, got clear by out sailing her. when we got near the Coast of America had for several days so much Wt.erly Winds & bad Weather that we stood in to make the Land to the Nd., & on the 26th. Decr. in the morning made Marthas Vineyard bearing N E B N at W N W in the after=noon, by desire of Capt. Prescott we put into Tar=paulin cove in Elizebeths Island to Land him. as he chose rather to carry the dispatches for Genl.

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Amherst by Land. than risque the uncertainty of the winds by Sea.

the next Day we put out to Sea again with the Wind at SSW had Verry bad weather the next Day & night. on the 28th. at Noon we got into the Harbour of Nw. London. where Capt. Luttridge left the Ship in charge of a Pilot to carry her through the Sound to Nw. York & went with the Mails by Land. had great Diffi:
[202] =culty & expence in geting forward — / being bad travel: =ling weather Horses very scarce & the Mails heavy he Got to New York on the 2d. Jan 7 in the morning & deliver'd the Mails to Alexr. Colden Esqre.

On Tusday the 3d March haveing on board two Mails for Falmouth at 10 AM. Set Sail from Nw. York wind at NE in company with his Ma: =jestys Ship Foy for Boston in the afternoon when cleer of the Sand the wind came to the Wt. wd. & Continewd. fine fresh Gales for Several Days– having the wind to the Et. wd. only two Different times & only continewd 20 hours Each time

On Friday the 20th having the wind to the Northd. at 9 at Morning Saw a Sail on our Weather Bow Standing to the wt. wd. then we out all reefs & Edged away from him then in Latt.d 47:47 N. & Longd. 15 Wt. at 1/2 PM. we found her

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to Bear away affter us & give chase then we Brought
all Sails Drawing on the other Quarter & out all
the Sail we could croud at 1/2 P.2 he hoisted
french colours & Begun to fiar his Bow chase at
us & at 3 he Draw.d near up to us then we begun
to fiar our Stern chase at him & at 1/2 P.3 he
came so near as to [illegible] his Ship & Gave us a Zola
Brode side which Rak.d us fore & aft we con:
tinew'd a Runing fight at 1/2 past 5 our Good
& Brave Capt. Lutwidge was, Dangerously wounded
with a canon shot through his Left thigh it
being the 6th. or 7th. Brode side from him which
made our Ship in a most shatter.d Condition &
at 6 he Shoot up so far under our Le Quarter
that we could not bring our chase guns to
bear on him So gave him a brode side then
having no prospect to withstand him in so Shatter'd
a Condition I was oblig'd to Strike & Imeadiatly hove
the Mails overboard she is call.d the Bisceyen [205]
Capt. Martin Lafargue of Bayonne mounting 24
guns 9 & 6 pounders & 228 men on Satterday
the 21st. I agree.d with him for the Ransom By
the Disiar & aprobation of Capt. Lutwidge for
£600 Ster.g & to have 2 hostages which is Mr.
Peter Robinson Maite & George harvy Boy &
that the Ship Shou.d Be Disarm.d which he

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Did thro all the Guns, over Board but 3, & amoni=
=tion &c. — Like wise that I Shoud Take on
board Capt. Jno. Hughs of Liverpool & 28 men which
was prisoners — & at 4 P. M. Took our Departur from
him & maide sail as well & as fast as posable
we could get thing in order the wind at SWBS
on sunday the 22d in Latt.d 48°: 19 No. & Long.d 10°.00 Wt.
at 1 P. M. Capt. Lutwidge Departed this Life — at
12 at night Sounded & strook Ground at 80 fm.
watter — & on Monday the 23d in the night at 9
oclok Saw Silly Light Bearing N E Ws. 6 or 7
Lgs. & on Tusday the 24th. at 5 in the morning
Made the Lands End Bearing NBE Ws. 8 Lgs.
& at 11 a. m abrest of the Lizard having Littel
wind & fine weather at 9 at night ariv.d at Fal=
=mouth where I went Imeadiatly on shore & Related
our unforteunate Acktion to George Bell Esqr.

I am with the Most Dutyfull
Respect Your Lordships & onrs.
Truly faithfull & Obedt. Servant
Thos. Rolinson

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Endorsed Journal of the 10th / Voyage of the / General
Wall / Parquet boat to, & / from Nw. York

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Whitehall March 28. 1761 205.

J. Appy Esqr.

Sir

Mr. Secretary Pitt, being still very much indisposed by a severe Fit of the Gout, has directed me to acquaint You, for the In=formation of Genl. Amherst, that he has this Morning received an Account that the General Wall Packet Boat, which was dis=patched from New York, soon after the Arrival of the Greyhound, had the Mis=fortune to be taken by the Enemy in her Passage to England, and the Master, who ransomed the Vessel, and is arrived in Lon=don, says he flung the Mails over board in due Time; but by this Accident Mr. Pitt [206.] is ignorant of what / the General wrote to him by that Opportunity, of which he thinks it necessary the General should be apprized by the earliest Occasion, that He may transmit Duplicates of those Dispatches to England

I am &c^a.

James Rivers.

Endorsed Draft. to / J. Appy Esqr. / White=hall 28th Mar^h. 1761. [208]

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Whitehall Mar: 26. 1761.

Henry Potts Esq:

Sir

I send You inclosed a Letter, addressed to J. Appy Esq: or the Secretary to the Com: =manders in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in No. America; and I am directed by Mr. Secretary Pitt to desire that the same may be instantly dispatched by flying Packet to Falmouth, with the strictest Orders to use all possible Expedition and that the said Letter to Mr. Appy, be deliverd to the Com: =mander of the Packet Boat, which will have been directed to sail for New York with the Letters dispatched from London last Tuesday Night, in Case the said Packet Boat shall be still at Falmouth, but if she [210] shall be sailed before the Arrival of this Express, the inclosed Letter for Mr. Appy is to be returned to London.

I am further directed by Mr. Pitt to desire, that you would acquaint me, for His Information, what other Packet Boats, belonging to the New York Station, may be on this side the Water; And that one may be forthwith ordered to get ready for the Sea,

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and wait Mr. Pitt's Directions, And You will be pleased to inform me when such Packet Boat will be in readiness, but, to prevent any possibility of Mistake, I am particularly to observe to You, that it is not Mr. Pitt's Intention, that / the Packet Boat now under Orders to sail with the Letters dispatched last Tuesday Night, as abovementioned, should be detained a single Moment on any Account whatsoever, but that she be directed to make all possible Dispatch to New York.

I am &c.a

James Rivers.—

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Endorsed Drat. to / Henry Potts Esqr. / White-hall Mar. 28th. 1761

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General Post office
March 29th. 1761.

Sir,

I received your Letter of yesterday, wth One inclosed to J: Appy Esqr, or the Secretary to the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America, which was immediately dispatched, by Express, to Falmouth, with Directions to Mr. Bell, our Agent there, to deliver the same to the Com=mander of the Earl of Halifax Packet Boat, if she should not be sailed before it arrived; &, if sailed, to send me back the Letter for Mr. Appy, that I may return it to you.

I beg leave to acquaint you, for the Information of Mr. Secretary Pitt, that we shall have no other New York Pacquet boat at Falmouth, when the above mention=ed Packet is sailed, but the General Wall, which ar=rived on the 25th. Instant, & in so shattered a Con=dition as to render her unfit for any Service till she has been thoroughly repaired. / I have wrote to the Agent to press the immediate Repair of the said General Wall Pacquet Boat, & to let me know how long it will be before she will be ready for Sea, & the Moment after I receive his Answer you shall be acquainted therewith. [216.]

I am, with great Truth & Regard, / Sir,

Your most obedient / humble Servant

James Rivers Esqr. Henry Potts / Secy.

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General Post Office
2d. April 1761.—

Sir,

Inclosed I return you the Letter addressed to J: Appy Esq.r which I have just now received back from Falmouth, by an Express, the Earl of Halifax Pac:quet Boat being sailed from thence before it arrived there.

Herewith I also send you, for the Information of Mr. Secretary Pitt, an Extract of our Agents Answer to my Letter of the 28th. Ultimo, wherein I directed him to acquaint me with the State of the General Wall Packet Lately arrived from New York: And I am sorry to find the Damages she received are likely to require so much time before she can be got ready again for Service; But if it should be Mr. Secretary Pitts pleasure to have the Earl of Bessborough Pacquet, now in Turn to sail for Corunna, make a Voyage to New York, I desire to be / informed [222] immediately therewith, that the necessary Orders may be given accordingly, by this Nights post, as she appears to be detained by our Agent at Falmouth until he can hear from hence.

I am with great Truth & Regard. / Sir
Your most obedient / humble Servant.

Hen.y Potts. / Sec.y

James Rivers Esq.r

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Copy

Falmouth March 30th, 1761.

Sir

At Nine o'Clock this Evening I received your Commands of the 28th Instant ꝑ Express, accompanying a Letter for J: Appy Esqr to be for:=warded on the Earl of Halifax Pacquet Boat to New York if not Sailed, but if Sailed, to return the said Pacquet to you; and to give you all the Information in my power with regard to the time the General Wall may be got ready to proceed to New York. In Answer thereto I beg leave to acquaint you that Early Yester:=day Morning the Wind came to the Eastward, & wth which the Earl of Halifax sailed direct:=ly with the North American Mail, & Mr Secretary Pitts dispatches for New York.

The General Wall Pacquet being in so shattered a Condition in Respect to her Sails, Rigging, & Hull, & also for want of Guns, which are not to be got here, therefore it is impossible to say when She can be ready to Sail; Yet if there / be a necessity, the Bessborough Pacquet, who would have sailed next Saturday for the Corunna, shall be stopt untill I hear further from you - Inclosed is Mr Appy's Letter. / I am &ca.

Henry Potts Esqr Geo: Bell

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Whitehall April 2.d 1761.

Sir,

I have been favored with your Lre of this day's Date, but Mr. Secry. Pitt has been so much en=gaged with business, that It has not been possible for me to receive his particular Commands thereupon; I can only add, from myself, that when Mr. Pitt directed me to write to You, on Saturday last, on the Subject of a New York Packet boat, he did not mention any intention of employing a Packet boat from another Station on such a Voy=age, but only wished to know, when one, allotted for that Service, would be ready, & to have it quickened, as much as possible, in any necessary preparations, &, when ready, to wait his Directions. I am sorry I cannot send You a positive answer as You desired, but, if You think it necessary, I will endeavor to procure one, the first moment in my Power.

I am &ca.

J. R.

Henry Potts Esqr.

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Endorsed Copy to Mr. Potts. | April 2: 1761.

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233.

General Post Office
3d. April 1761.

Sir,

I am favoured with your Letter of yester=day, & as I find by it That Mr. Secretary Pitt had no Intention of employing any other Packet Boat to New York but such as were established for that particular Service; I shall by to morrow Nights post write to our Agent at Falmouth to dispatch the Earl of Bessborough Packet for the Groyne as soon as it is her Turn to sail for that port; & at the same time press him, as much as possible, to hasten the Repairs neces=sary to be done upon the General Wall Packet, that she may be got ready to wait for the far=ther Directions of Mr. Secretary Pitt. / As soon as [234] I know that the General Wall is ready, or nearly so, I shall not fail to acquaint you therewith. I am, with great Truth & Regard,

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant.

Hen: G. Potts/ Secy.

James Rivers Esqr.

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Endorsed Genl. Post Office / April 3d. 1761 / Mr. Potts / J.R.

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April 4: 1761.

Mr. Potts

Sir,

I am now to inform you, that I have acquainted Mr. Secry Pitt with the Contents of Your Letter of the 2d Instant, & He directs me to say, in Answer thereto, that He would not take the Packet Boat, from the Corunna Station, to send Her to New York, as It may be doubtful, whether Her Size & fitting may be altogether sufficient for so much longer a Voyage & the Correspondence with the Corunna might also be liable to suffer some Interruption thereby. You will therefore be pleased to give the necessary Orders for this Packet to continue on her ordinary Station: Mr. Pitt depends on your acquainting Him as soon/as the Genl. Wall Packet shall be again fit for Service, & that the necessary Repairs may be forwarded as fast as possible. [286]

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[On a loose sheet is the following:-]

Adl Boscawen Jany 9th 58	Sir Chs Hardy is sent to Halifax
Adl Boscawen Feby 9th 58	5 ships of the Line and 4 Frigates are ready 5 more of the Line will follow to America
Adl Boscawen Feb 21 58.	All the ships are ready except the Cen: turion.
Halifax Sr Chs Hardy March 22nd	Arrived after two months passage - found Ld Colvilles Squadron in readiness -
Halifax Adl Boscawen May 10th	Crews sickly Sr Chs Hardy is cruizing before Louisburgh -
New York Adl Boscawen March 24. 58.	The Crop has failed in Canada a scar: city is apprehended - troops & transports are orderd from Louisburg from New York Philadelphia & Boston.
Gabreuse Bay Adl Boscawen July 28. 58	Reduction of Louisburgh and St Johns - 5 ships of the Line burnt and taken Capt Balfour & Laforey - 5637 prisoners are taken -
August 10 —	Genl Amherst and Adl Boscawen resolve to assist Genl Abercrombie who had failed at Ticonderago - and to send vessels up the river St Lawrence as far as the season will admit -
Louisburgh Adl Boscawen Sr 13 —	Importance of the Island St Johns it con: tains 4100 inhabitants who supply Quebec with provisions and English scalps.

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	they will be dispossest and sent home.
Spithead Nov 1. Adl Boscawen	Saw 8 French men of war on his return left 10 at Louisburgh
Sept 27.	Account of French settlement stores and Fisheries destroyed on the river St Lawrence.
March 7d 58. Gl Amherst.	Receives his commission
Halifax May 9. Govr Lawrence.	Preparations are making as directed by Govr six Regts with artillery are arrived those from New York are expected
Halifax May 23d Govr Lawrence	13200 men embarked for the expedition.
Louisburgh June 11th Genl Amherst	Account of the passage from Halifax and the landing with 12600 troops –
Ditto June 23d 58.	Proceedings of the siege from the twelfth to the twenty third –
July 8th	Further detail to the letters date.
July 23d	Ditto –
July 7th	Letters relative to the sick and wounded which passed between Genl Amherst & the Chevalier Drucour –
July 27	Further detail of the siege concluding with the Capitulation –
Louisburgh G Amherst Augt 10th 58	Proceedings upon taking possession of the town –
Aug 8th	Instructions to Col Rollo to take possession

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	of the Island of St Johns –
Aug 28	There were 3000 inhabitants in Louisburgh –
Aug 15th	Instructions to Genl Wolfe to destroy the enemys settlements at Miramichy Chaleurs and Garbe –
Aug 24th	Directions to Col Monckton to destroy to (sic) destroy the settlements at the bay of Fundy St Johns River and Cape Sable –
Aug 28th	to Govr Whitmore the French to be transported to France, the Germans to Lunenburgh, the settlements to be destroyed –
Aug 13th	Report of the condition of the works –
Camp at Charlton -ough Sept 18 Gl Amherst	Passage to Boston –
Oct. 13 New York Gl Amherst	Route from Boston to New York –
Genl Wolfe the 1st Nameur	Settlements at Gaspe Baye de Chaleurs &c destroyed
Genl Wolfe Sept 24th Louisburgh	Settlements at Miramichi destroyd.
Gov Whitmore Sept 30th Louisburgh	Repairs in the buildings and fortifications at Louisburgh –
Gov Whitmore Nov 6th 1758 Louisburgh	Situation of the town, importance and fertility of the Island of St Johns –

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Admty Office 7th Jany 1757

Sir

I received your most obliging note last night accompanying his Majestys warrant to me, for the command of a squadron of his ships, destined for the service of America.

This morning I received the order from you, dated yesterday, for the taking of the transports (amounting to fifteen thousand tonn) under my command and the disposal of them, Mr Durel sets out for Portsmouth tomorrow, and Sr Chat Hardy on Monday, the former will sail directly in the Diana for New York, the later in the York for Hallifax, with two Frigates.

A Convoy is appointed to sail with the transports agreable to their different destinations, as soon as they are reported ready, and all means are used to victual and water them with the utmost expedition.

I am Sir your
Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Ed Boscawen

Endorsed Admty Office Jan. 7/1758 | Admt Boscawen.

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Admty Office 9 Jan.ry 1758

Sir

I have received your two letters of the seventh instant, signifying his Majesty's commands to me, to send Sir Chas. Hardy to Hallifax to take upon him the command of the Squadron of his Majestys ships there, and to send the transports destined for New York under a proper convoy to that place.

Sir Chas. Will proceed to Hallifax in the York of sixty guns accompanyed by the Juno of thirty two, and the Devonshire of sixty six guns is with two Frigates appointed to convoy the trans: ports to New York, as soon as the transports are ready will sail with them. I am Sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Ed. Boscawen.

Endorsed Admty Office Jan 9/1758/Adml. Boscawen

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Portsmouth 10th Jan^ry 1758
half an hour past four
o'Clock in the Afternoon

Sir

I have this moment received by Mr. Colins His Maj^ty Messenger your Letter of the 9th Instant, with the two Boxes therein mentioned directed to Major General Abercromby, and also a Large Pack:et directed to my self with a list of Letters inclosed in it, and I shall take the same Care of all that is Recommended by the Right Honor:able Mr. Pitt — I am extreamly Obliged to you for the good wishes you are pleased to offer me being

With great truth & Regard
Sir

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Phi: Durell

To

James Rivers Esqr. —

Endorsed. Portsmouth Jan^ry 10th 1758. | Commd^re Durell | J. R. | R^d 11th by Collins.

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Diana in St Helens Road the 13th Jany 1758

Sir

I am just now favoured with yours of the 13th Instant enclosing The Right Honble Mr Pitt's Letter directed for Major General Abercrombie, or the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America: I sailed from Spithead here to take the advantage of the first favourable Wind, It being this morning more northerly than it has been I am getting under Sail I am with great regard,

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Phi: Durell

James Reevers Esq

Endorsed St Hellens Jany 13th 1758 | Comre Durell | J. R. | Ry 16th

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Portsmouth 9th Feby 1758.

Sir,

Namur
Royal William
Princess Amelia
Invincible
Lancaster

Frigates
Shannon
Trent
Kennington
Grammont.

The ships named in the Margin being ready this day, and not before, I shall proceed with them to sea the first opportunity of wind and weather; I have deliver'd your dispatches for General Abercrombie to Captain Stott of the Gramont who has my orders to proceed with them for New York.

I shall leave in England the five following ships, Bedford, Vanguard of seventy Guns, the Notingham, Pembroke of sixty and Centurion of fifty.

I shall order the Bedford when ready to convoy the Ordnance Store ships to Philadelphia and New York, the Notingham I hope will follow me soon, but when the other three ships will be ready I know not, the Centurion wants much to be done to her, the Vanguard just returned from Sea, the Pembroke still out on a Cruize. I am, | Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant.

Ed. Boscawen.

Right Honble William Pitt.

Endorsed Portsmouth. Feby 9th 1758 | Admel Boscawen | Rx 10th.

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Sir

As we are now under sail, I hope you will think we have lost no time since the ships have been ready, and I beg leave to assure you we could not have sailed sooner, the ships have all been ready seven days; I will also venture to affirm, we shall be in America, as soon as it is possible for the ships to cruize before Lewisbourgh, and because I think the quantity of Ice that will be then floating in those Sea's will make it difficult, I am determined to come to an Anchor near the harbours mouth.

The Dublin is returned Capt Rodney informs me he left the Prince Frederick ten days ago in the Latt 42 North with the transports and Coll. Amhursts regiment all well on board, the Devonshire with the nine thousand tonn of transports for New York must be much farther in their way.

Sir Major General Boscawen informs me that upon the first vacant regiment of Dragoons in Ireland he shall be recommend.d from the Government there, I hope for you assistance in his having that promotion, he is an old Soldier and has served well,

I am Sir Your/ Most Obedient and

Most Humble Servant

Namure under sail
19th Febry 1758.

Ed Boscawen.

Endorsed. Namur Feb. 19. 1758 | Adml Boscawen | R 20th

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Sir

As I am directed in the Kings Instructions, left me by Vice Admiral Holburne, to transmit constant and Particular Accounts of my proceedings, and of the Intelligence I shall be able to procure of the Motions and Designs of our Enemies, to You; I think it my Duty to acquaint you that I shall be constantly attentive to this Instruction, and that I have received Letters from the Governours of Maryland, Massachusetts Bay, and New Hampshire giving me to understand that I can have no Supply of Men from their Governments to recruit the Squadron under my Command.

I will not trouble you with a Detail of the Squadron, or any Occurrences relating thereto; as I presume the Cognizance of what has hitherto happened, belongs peculiarly to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Boards Subordinate to them. I have the Honour to be Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

Colville

Northumberland at

Halifax 1 January 1758.

Right Honourable William Pitt Esqr &c. &c.

Endorsed. Northumberland at | Hallifax 1st Janry 1758 | Lord Colville | Rx 27. March.

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Sr

I am so far in my Way with all the ships of War that Sailed from Plymouth under my Command and all very healthy, Except the Company of the Amelia, I am in hopes they will mend now we are got into so fine a Climate

I am

Sr

Your most Obedient and
humble Servant

Ed Boscawen.

Namur at Sea 6th March 1758
The Lizard No 24°: 30' East
Distance . . . . 375 Leagues

Right Honble William Pitt Esqr &c &c &c

Endorsed. Namur at Sea. March 6th /1758/ Admt Boscawen./ Rd May 13th by Madeira.

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Sir

I have the Honour to acquaint you, that his Majesty's Ships, which were ordered to winter here under my command, are now ready for Service. On the 17th the Sutherland sailed on a Cruize off Louisbourg. The Hawke Sloop, and a Schooner which I fitted out for the purpose; are employed in protecting our New England Trade from Louisbourg Privateers.— Sir Charles Hardy arrived in the Captain, yesterday; and expressed great satisfaction, on finding the Squadron in such forwardness.

I am with very great Respect

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

Colville

Northumberland at Halifax
in Nova Scotia March 20th 1758.

Rt. Hble. Wm. Pitt

Endorsed Halifax March 20th 1758. | Lord Colville | R/ June 2d.

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Duplicate

Halifax Harbour the 22d March 1758

Sir

I have the Honour to Acquaint you that I arrived in this port three days ago, after a Boisterous passage of two Months.

I found the Squadron that Wintered here, under the Command of Lord Colville in a much greater forwardness, than I could have expected, and hope a few days will enable me to proceed to Sea with them, when I shall use my utmost endeavours to Block up the port of Louisburg.

I have sent a Fifty Gun Ship to Cruize off that Port; and the Boreas, the only Frigate here, will follow her in two days.

The Hawk Sloop and a Province Schooner Manned by Lord Colvill are Cruizing to the Westward for the protection of the Provision Vessels bound here from the Continent: I expect their return in eight days; I shall leave Orders for them to join me, as by these small Cruizers I must mostly depend for Intercepting the Enemy's Vessels, with Provisions, Stores or Troops.

I do not find any Accounts or Informations of the Enemys Motions, or Intentions

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worth troubling you with.

I have the Honour to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Chas. Hardy

Right Honble. Willm. Pytt.

Endorsed Halifax March 22d. 1758 (Sir Chas. Hardy)

Rx June 2d

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Major General Hopson & Brigadier General Lawrence who both write by this Conveyance.

The Six Ordnance Transports are also safe arrived from England. I am apprehensive we shall be disappointed as to the Numbers tho' I think we shall have sufficient to carry the first part of His Majesty's Orders into Execution. So soon as I am joined by the Frigates from New York, I will make a Detachment into the River St Lawrence

I have no Account of the Regiment from Ireland.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient

and humble Servant

Ed Boscawen.

Rt Honble William Pitt Esqr &c. &c. &c.

Endorsed. Namur in Halifax | Harbour 10th May 1758 | Adml Boscawen | Rx 16. June.

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Namur in Halifax Harbour, 10th May 1758.

Sir,

Royl William
Namur
Pss Amelia
Bedford
Burford
Lancaster
Pembroke
Prince of Orange
Nottingham
Shannon
Etna &
Lightning.—

I anchor'd here yesterday with the Ships as ꝑ Margin, the Crews of the Princess Amelia, Burford, Pembroke & Prince of Orange are very Sickly which is not uncommon after so long a Passage. As soon as we have compleated the Water of the Squadron I will sail with them to join Sir Charles Hardy who is Cruizing near Louisbourg (leaving Orders for the others to follow as soon as they can.) For the strength of the Squadron under his command and further particulars I refer you to the Copys of his Letters, as well as that of Commander Durells for the State of Affairs at New York. I also send you a Copy of Intelligence sent me by Captain Rous who commands the Sutherland, The Prince Frederick will sail in a day or two to join Sir Charles Hardy.

I am in hourly expectation of the Troops from New York, those from New England and Philadelphia are arrived, as well as Amherst's from England, all healthy & in good Condition, for particulars I refer you to

that he received directions from General Abercrombie to Order General Brags Regiment from Chignecto, for the Expedition. I have left Orders for Captain Hathorne of the Hawke Sloop, who I expect in every day, to take the Transports and proceed with them to Annapolis to Embark them; and this being the only Frigate I had for this Service; I have desired the Province Arm'd Snow and Sloop may join him, for the greater Security of the Convoy.

By the inclosed State & Condition of the Ships, you will please to observe we are short in our proportion of four Months of several Species of Provisions, the Contractor having been disappointed in his Vessels from the Continent.

The Reynolds Store ship arrived here under Convoy of the Squirrel from New York two days ago. I have just had time to Supply the Ships with Sails from her, but no other kind of Stores. Commodore Durell having only two Frigates with him, I have Order'd Captain Wheelock to join him, and he is now under Sail.

Inclosed is the Rendezvous I have deliver'd to the Squadron, for my Cruizing Station, and I have it in view when the Sutherland and Boreas join me, to send one of them off of Cape

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Halifax 5th April 1758.

Sir

I arrived here the 19th of last Month when I found the Squadron in great forwardness, Caulking being the most material thing wanted, to put the Ships in a Condition for the Sea, which we got done in a few days.

The Sutherland sail'd the 23d, and the Boreas the 25th of last _ to Cruize off Louisbourg.

As I found the Squadron very short of their Complements occasioned by Sickness, I apply'd to Major General Hopson for a Detachment of Troops to be embarked on board each ship, and we have now on board, two Captains, seven Subalterns, Seven Serjeants, seven Corporals, and Three hundred and twenty nine private Men.

By some of the Transports arrived out of the Convoy from Cork, I learn that the Fleet was separated the 23d of last Month, in a very hard gale in the Latitude of 39° 15' N. and 57° West Longitude from London, and that the Prince Fredericke lost all her Masts in the Storm, since the arrival of those Transports we have had a con: tinued Scene of bad Weather.

This is a mistake these (six) Transports came from Spithead with Amherst's regiment, all are arrived safe and the Prince Frederick fitted again [added in a dif't hand]

Major General Hopson having informed me

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Race to Intercept any Supply Ships that may be bound to Louisbourg: But in this I shall govern myself, as I find myself Circumstanced, when I get upon my Cruizing Station.

I am now Unmoor'd and hope the Wind will hold to enable me to get to Sea to day with the Ships named in the Margin.

Since my being here, we have received no Information of the Enemys Motions or Intentions, I am

Captain
Northumberland
Terrible
Kingston
Orford
Defiance
Somerset
Sutherland

Frigates
Juno
Boreas
Trent

Sir

Your most Obedt. humble Servt.

Chas. Hardy

Honble. Vice Admiral Boscawen.

A Copy

Ed. Boscawen

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Endorsed. Copy of Sr. Chas. Hardy's | letter received the | 9th. of May | in Adl. Boscawen's of | May 10th. 1758 / 1.

Captain, Island of Scatary
N° 27° 20' W Dist. 11 Leagues.

Sir,

This Morning Captain Rous join'd me, I here inclose you a Copy of the Informations, he has obtained by Prisoners out of a Snow he took from Brest.

In chaceing the Apollo, the Boreas lost Company with him, and by his Account to me, I judge that Ship is in Louisbourg, as Rous thinks he saw her there yesterday. The Coast from Louisbourg to the Eastward is full of Ice, and as the Wind is now Southerly, I think nothing can get into that Harbour, I shall endeavour to look in, to day.

The inclosed Copy of a Letter from Governour Laurence will shew you his Situation, as I have no Frigates with me I cannot possibly assist him. But by Captain Martins Account to me there appears no great want of Convoy, as he tells me some of the Transports taken up at Boston, Mount a good many Guns.

The Sick lists of the Ships rather increase, and I fear will, while this cold Weather lasts.

The Kingston is very leaky and the only Ship that complains.

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The inclosed Letter from Commodore Durell I received this Morning, and will shew you his Situation, the Assistance he asks of me is also out of my power. I hope the Service will not suffer for want of Frigates, this under my care stands in great need of some, as I cannot separat the Squadron,

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt. humble Servt.

Chas. Hardy.

Honble. Vice Admiral Boscawen.

A Copy.

Ed. Boscawen.

Endorsed. Sr. Chas. Hardy's a Copy | without a date, but, judged to be wrote | about the 21st. April.

Ed. Boscawen

in Adl. Boscawen's of May | 10th. 1758. | 2

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Transactions and Intelligence I have received from Prisoners since I parted from Hallifax.

On the 25th March, I retook the Reynolds from Virginia for Lancaster, taken the 2d March by a Privateer Schooner of 6 Guns from Louisbourg. April the 1st the Boreas joined us, we saw a Sail to the NE gave Chace to her, kept plying to Windward all Night to fetch her Wake; At 4 AM was obliged to bring too for the Ice, at day light on the 2d Saw the Strange Sail in the ENE 6 or 7 Miles, gave Chace and Clear'd Ship. Porta Nova North 3 Leagues, All the Shore choaked up with Ice 3 Leags off bearing of us then from the NE½E to the WNW. Chaced through a great deal of Ice, but falling little Wind & perceiving the Chace which we had followed then 8 Leags, & who had been oblig'd to Steer ESE alongside Fields of Ice, to which we could see no End from the Mast:head, to draw from us and a great deal of Ice broken ahead, left off Chace.

The Prisoners we had taken out of the Rey:nolds believe the Ship that we had chaced the day before to have been the Appollo loaden with Stores for Louisbourg, with only her Upper Teer, which I was once near enough to reckon. On the 9th We

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Chaced & brot too the Favour a French Snow of 14 Guns from Brest for Louisbourg. on her arrival there, to be fitted out as a Privateer. From the Prisoners have the following Account; That She Saild from Brest the 6th March in company with one Sloop bound for St Johns and fourteen Sail for the West Indies under Convoy of the Palmier and two Frigates, Parted from them the 10th and that the Ships that had been blocked up in Carthagena having been reinforced by 4 from Toulon, passed the Streights, the end of January, in all 10 of the Line and 4 Frigates under Monsr Le Clue, don't know how far the 4 Ships from Toulon were to go with them, but are sure Le Clue was to make the best of his Way for Louisbourg, with all the rest, and that the French King had publickly said he was to be at Louisbourg the 15th April and to command there. that there were about 20 Sail fitting out at Brest, the following were said to be ready to sail the End of March for Louisbourg.

L' Antrepriènent	64
L' Juste	74
L' Aigle	74
L' Bizare	74
L' Glorieux	70
L' Soleil Royal	80
L' Duc d' Burgoin	80

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L' Northumberland 64

L' Septere 74

L' Courageur 74

L' Dauphin Royal 64

That Monsr. L' Guille in the Minatoure of 74. the Ilustre of 64. L' Actese 64. & 20 East Indiamen with Troops and Stores were in the Road of Brest, ready to Sail when he left it. The Greenwich drove a Shore at Conquet. Guns & Materials saved, believes the West India Convoy was to come here without Loss of Time from thence to Louisbourg. On the 12d for the first time on Account of the Ice, had an Opportunity to Look in Louisbourg Harbour, went near enough to see the Men, on the Ramparts; I am sure there was then in the Harbour but two small Sloops, Since that Time the Wind blowing fresh from the Southwd for the most part, have not been able to make bold with the Land, tho' we have seen it almost every day.

Upon the 16th. gave Chace to and joined the Terrible, heard the report of several Guns from the Shore. The 17th the Monckton Schooner join'd us, at Noon Scatari bore N ½ E 7 Leags. On the 19th in the Morning gave Chace in Company with the Terrible, and brought to the Hereaux of Louisbourg from Martinico, a Snow about 140 Tons, 4 Guns, 18 Men loaded with Molasses on Account of the French King for Louisbourg, left

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Martinico the 14th March alone, left only three Ships there. The 21st stood close in with the Land and could perceive a large Vessel without any Masts, but a little Stump of a Foremast jam'd among the Ice, Suppose her a large Ship as She seemed of a Great Length and high abaft, stood in till dark, then were oblig'd to Tack, little Wind all Night, kept plying to Windward, but in the morning found the Current had drove Us to the Westward, reach'd in with Louisbourg as far as the Ice would let us, and were near Enough to see a large Ship in the Harbour with a Pendant flying, suppose her to be the same We Chaced the 2d of this Month, At Noon were join'd by the Somerset.

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Ed Boscawen.

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Endorsed. Intelligence from | Captain Rous | in Adl. Boscawen's of May | 10th 1758. | 3.

Examination of Four french Prisoners belonging to a Privateer that sailed from Louisbourg, and were put on board a Prize she had taken the 9th March 1758 which was retaken by Capt: Crosby Commanding the Province Schooner Munston, and brought into Halifax the 11th of the same Month.

(Vizt)

One Pornier Lieutenant of the above Privateer with three Mariners of her Crew inform, that the day they were taken in the Prize, they had been Six days from Louisbourg, and when they left the Harbour there was not a French Man of War in it, but that they Expected Two or three every day with Provisions and Troops. That there was hardly any fresh Provisions at Louisbourg excepting Wild fowl and Game, and that the little Mutton they had were Twenty Sous a pound and Fresh Beef Fifteen. That a Great many of the Seamen be:longing to the Fleet and some of the Garrison died last fall. But that the Troops were at present in Tollerable health. Though one of the Prisoners says they are very Sickly.

All agree a Battery of two or three Guns at Lorumbeque and two Companys of Infantry.

At a little sandy Cove to the Eastward of the Light house an intrenchment and Battery of two or three Guns.

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Under the Light house a Battery of Eight Guns fronting the Island Battery A good Deal of Work done at the Island Battery and additional Guns.

The Grand Battery Lieut: Ponnier says is Dismantled and the Guns carried to the Island Battery,

But the other three Prisoners says the Grand Battery is just as it was some years ago excepting four Guns which are carried from it to the Town –

Without Morepas Gate towards point a' Rochfort a Horse shoe Battery of 14 Guns intrench:ments and other Works.

From Morepas Gate to the East end of the Loophole Curtain, a half Moon Battery and some alterations made in the loop hole Curtain not Explained.

Colliers Battery 22 Pieces of Cannon Mounted

Cape Noir levelled, The Lieut: Ponnier says a Battery erected upon it, the others not but that there is to be one, so soon as they could Work.

Some of them say that a line or Intrenchment is run from Cape Noir to the left Flank of the Citadel Bastion.

From the Citadel Bastion to the West Gate. Intrenchments and covered Ditches, and in Front of the West Gate Two half Moon Batteries in front of them, all the

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Rising Grounds brought to a hanging level or Glacis.

One says a Retrenchment made on the Inside of the West Gate, the others Recollect no such thing.

All agree three Regiments in Garrison mak:ing about 2400 Men besides a good Number of Inhabitants

Some additional Casemates for Women made under the Ramparts, and a large Powder Magazine erected, between the Barracks, (built by the English) and the South Gate.

Last Summer they had 800 Indians about the same Number of Canadians and Accadians en:camped round Gabarous bay and Intrenchments thrown up at and near all landing places.

They expect the same Number of Indians. Canadians and Accadians this Summer.

Two of the Prisoners say, several small Bat:teries round the Bay, but all agree there is a Bat:tery at White Point

A Coppy
Ed. Boscawen.

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Endorsed. Copy. | Examination of Prisoners | taken by Cap Rouse. | in Adl. Boscawen's of May 10th 1758 | 4.

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Northumberland March 12th 1758

Lieut: Cosby of the Orford came in last Night in the Monkton Schooner, and with him a Boston Sloop, which he had retaken from a Louisbourg Pri:vateer I examined three of the Prisoners, and the first Answered as follows

Questn. When did you leave Louisbourg?

Answr. Eight days ago.

Q_ What Kings ships have you in the Harbour?

A_ None at all, but the day before we sailed, we saw two Men of War which we Supposed to be from Old France.

Q_ Do you Expect a Fleet soon?

A yes.

Q. From old France or the West Indies?

A. From both Places.

Q. How many Privateers have you at Louisbourg?

A_ Four all small Schooners:

Q_ Are they all out Cruizing?

A_ Only two, the one I was aboard of and another, which I think is Cruizing in the Lattitude of Bermudas

Q_ When are the other two to be ready?

A_ In about 8 Days

Q_ Where are they to Cruize?

A_ Between Boston and Halifax.

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Q. How do you Man your Privateers?

A. Mostly with Seamen (Bask barriot) Natives of the country.

Q When the Fleet went away last fall was it well Man'd?

A. Yes, and met with no Dificulty in it, for there is a plenty of Seamen at Louisbourg

Q. What have you done with the Boston Province Snow, taken last fall by one of your Frigates?

A. She was immediatly fitted out as a Privateer, and sailed on a Cruize about two Months ago, and just as we came out, we spoke with a Prize just sent in by her: A Snow loaded with Tobacco

Q. Is she fitted out on the Kings Account?

A. yes.

Q. When do you expect her back to Louisbourg?

A. Every day, as her cruize was only for two Months

Q. What number of Troops have you in the Garrison?

A. I can't tell exactly, but the Number must be great, as there was three Regim.ts landed last fall from the Kings ships besides what were there before.

Q. How are the Kings stores in regard to Provisions?

A. Its reported there is a sufficiency for Six years.

Q. How was the Fleet supplied with fresh Provisions last Summer?

A. From Acadia

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Q Which way did they get the Cattle?

A They were brought down to the Bay of Verte, and Island of St Johns and put on board different Vessels.

Q - Are there many Cattle left in Acadia

A. I believe very few, there having been none brot to Louisbourg this Winter, the last Supply and all they have had since Septemr was 500 Oxen brot from the Bay of Verte and Island of St Johns to Port Tolouse and from thence by Land to Louisbourg.

Q - Have they any fresh Provisions now?

A. None at all even for their Sick, what little there is, is sold for 30 Sous ℔ Pound.

Q. Has any Merchant ship with Provisions arrived this Year.

A. None

Q Is the Garrison very Sickly

A. Much so the Hospitals can Scarce contain the Sick, they die very fast; Two or three days before we sailed, 14 died in one day. All the Refreshments they have for them, is what few fowls are killed on the Sea shore.

Q Do they Expect to be attacked by the English?

A They expect it every day, and if the Fleet expected does not Arrive soon, the people think they cannot make any Resistance.

Q Is there any Ice in the Harbour and upon the Coast now?

A Yes, it being with much Difficulty we got out, the Ice reaching a Mile and half from the Harbour.

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Q When did a ship Arrive from France

A None this Winter

Q What Additions have you made to your Fortifications last Summer

A None, but we repaired all the Old Forts, and put every thing in a good Posture, but nothing has been done this Winter

Q Is there any Fortification at Cabarouse bay

A. None at all.

Q Are there any else-where along shore?

A Only at Cape Noir where a Detachment is kept.

The second differed in Nothing Matterial, only the following Articles,

He says, the Privateers are all out cruizing,

That the report is, there is Provisions enough in the Kings stores for two years, and the Garrison is healthy and very few Sick

The same Questions were likewise put to the third who pretty nearly agrees with the first, except in what follows.

That the Garrison is in a pretty good state of Health.

The Privateers are all out on a Cruize and there is an:other Schooner fitting out which makes Six in all

That he never was in Cabarouse Bay

Colville

A Coppy | Ed. Boscawen.

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New York March 26th 1758

Sr

A Sloop sailing to Halifax this Morning gives me the Opportunity of Writing to you; I hope Lord Colvill received my Letters bearing date the 9th and 16th Instant, the former carried by a sloop and the latter by his Majesty's ship Squirel which I sent as a Convoy to the Renold store ship

I have been long expecting some Frigates & Transports from England as they are not Arrived I must look on Merchant Vessels as proper Conveyances for my Letters, and the rather as his Majestys ship Diana is much Weakened by the Detachments I have been obliged to make from her, both for the inforcing the Embargo and the Various Bussiness of the Transports.

Genl Abercrombie has informed me that the Crops of Corn about Canada failed last year, so that the Inhabitants are reduced to great Want.

I have sent orders to Boston Philadelphia and Carolina directing the Commanders of his Majes.s ships in those parts to concert proper Measures with the Land Officers Commanding there for the speedy embarkation of the Troops, and then to Convoy them agreeable to General Abercrombies directions.

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The General has ordered Transports to the Amount of Six thousand Tons to be taken up: that is to say Two thousand Tons at Boston, Two thousand Tons at Philadelphia and Two thousand Tons at New York how these Transports are to be Navigated when fitted is yet a secret to me, I have already signifyed to you that the Diana (on board which ship my Pendant flies) is very weak from the Draughts made out of her

The Hampshire is Twenty short of Complement and very sickly a New Foremast is making for her her hands all employed in refitting the ship, as she is Destined to carry Lord Loudon home to England her Captain having such Orders from the Admiralty

The Scarborough is 44 short of Complement and gone by my order to convoy a Transport to Philadelphia with empty Casks for the Embarkation there she is to return immediately to me.

By this Account Sir you will judge of my Situ:ation and you will I make no doubt send me proper assistance,

I am

Sr.

Yr. most Obedt. Humble Servt.

Phi: Durell

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P. S. I am Sorry that I cannot give you any Ac:
:count of the time the Troops will be assembled we
are using our utmost endeavours in forwarding the
Artillery

To Sir Chas. Hardy

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Endorsed. Commodore Durells Letter | from New York
26 March | 1758 | Copy | in Adl. Boscawen's Letter | May
10th. 1758.'

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Namur in Halifax harbour 27th May 1758.

Sr

Since my Arrival here, We have had Foggs and rain almost every day, Notwithstanding which we were ready to Sail with the Men of War, and Transports the 21st Instant; but the Wind being South:erly could not get out. We have on board the Trans:ports Thirteen Regiments of Foot, and all the Train of Artillery, and Ordnance stores. The twenty eighth Regiment is not arrived from the Bay of Fundy, but I leave Orders here for them to follow.

I will lose no Opportunity of proceeding to sea as soon as the Wind and Weather will permit, and am

Sr

Your most Obedient & humble Servant

Ed. Boscawen.

Right Honble William Pitt Esqr &c &c &c

Endorsed. Namur in Halifax Harbour | May 27th 1758 | Admiral Boscawen | Rx July 3d

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Namur, Gabreuse bay, 28th July 1758.

Sir,

I send Capt Edgcumbe to wait on His Ma:jesty with the Account of the Reduction of Louis:bourg, the Isle of St Johns, and its Dependences, as you will see by the inclosed Copy of the Articles of Capitulation: the Garrison are Prisoners of War, and consist of twenty four Companys of the Marines, and the four following Battalions,

Cambise 2d Battalion,

Volontaire Etrangere 2d Battalion,

Artois 2d Battalion,

Burgoyne 2d Battalion;

I shall send them to England as soon as I can prepare the Transports for their embarkation. The French Ships taken, and destroyed are the,

Prudent.... 74 Guns, burnt by the Boats of the Fleet, under the Captains Laforey and Balfour

Entreprennant . 74 . blown up and burnt by a Shot from the Marines Battery.

Capricieux .. 64, } burnt by the Entreprennant.
Celebre .... 64, }

Bienfaisant .. 64, taken by the Boats of the Fleet, & towed from under the Walls of the Town into the east Harbour, by Capt Balfour.

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Apollo - - - - 50
Chevre } Frigates } Sunk by the Enemy across the Harbours
Biche } Frigates } mouth to prevent the Fleets going in.
Fidelle

Diana - - - - 36, taken by his Majesty's ship Boreas.
Echo - - - - 26, taken by his Majesty's ship Juno.

I will not trouble you with a particu:lar detail of the Landing and Siege, but cannot help mentioning a particular gallant Action in the Night between the 25th and 26th instant, the Boats of the Squadron were in two Divisions, detached under the Command of Captains Laforey & Balfour, to endeavour either to take or burn the Prudent of 74 Guns & Bien:faisant of 64, the only remaining French Ships in the Harbour; in which they succeeded so well as to burn the former, she being a ground, and take the latter & tow her into the Northeast Harbour, notwithstand:ing they were exposed to the fire of the Cannon & Musketry of the Island Battery, point Rochfort, & the Town, being favoured with a dark Night: our Loss was inconsiderable, seven Men killed, & nine wounded.

I have given the Command of the Bien:faisant to Capt. Balfour & the Echo a Frigate to Capt. Laforey; Mr. Affleck & Mr. Bickerton Lieuten:ants, who boarded the Bienfaisant, succeed those

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Gentlemen in the Ætna fire ship & Hunter sloop.

I have only farther to assure His Majesty, that all His Troops, and Officers both Sea and Land, have supported the fatigue of this Siege with great firmness and Alacrity.

I am Sir Your
Most Obedient and most
Humble Servant
Ed. Boscawen.

Rt. Honble: William Pitt Esqr &ca &ca &ca

Endorsed. Gabreuse Bay 28th | July 1758 | Adml. Boscawen | Rd Aug. 18th | by Captain Edgcumbe.

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Article de Capitulation entre son Excellence L'Admiral Boscawen et son Excellence le Major General Amherst d'une part Et de son Excellence Monsieur le Chevalier Drucour Gouverneur de L'Isle Royalle de Louisbourg. Isle de St Jean et de leurs Dependances.

1r La Garnison de Louisbourg sera Prisonniere de Guerre et sera Transportée en Angleterre dans des Vaiseaux de sa Majesté Brittanique.

2d Toute L'artillerie les Munitions de Guerre et de Bouche aussi bien que les Armes de tous Expeces qui sont a present dans la Ville de Louisbourg, Isle Royale, et de St Jean et leurs dependances seront livrés sans le moindre d'egal au Commissaires qui seront Appointés pour le recevoir a L'usage de sa Majesté Brittanique.

3me Le Gouverneur donnera ses ordres qui les Troupes que sont dans L'Isle de St Jean et ses dependances ses renderont a Bord de tel Vaisseau de guerre que l'Admiral Envoiera pour les Recevoir.

4me La porte dauphine Sera Livrée aux Troupes de sa Majesté Brittannique demain a huit heures du Matin, Et la Garnison y compris tous ceux qui ont porté les Armes se Rangera a Midis sur L'Esplanade et posera les Armes Drapeaux, Instruments Et Ornaments de Guerre, Et la Garnison sera Embarquée

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pour Etre Transporté en Angleterre dans un Temps convenable.

5me On aura le même soin des Malades et Blessés qui sont dans les Hospitaux que de ceux de sa Majesté Brittanique.

6me Les Negotiants et leurs commis qui n'ont point porté les Armes seront Transporter en France de telle Façon que L'Admiral jugera a propos.

Le Chevc. De Drucour

a Louisburg Le 26me Juillet 1758.

A Copy
Ed Boscawen

Endorsed. Capitulation | in Admrl. Boscawen's | letter of July 28th 1758.

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State of the Garrison of Louisbourg, the 26th July 1758, when it Capitulated.

Names of the Regiments	No. of Officers	No. of Soldiers fit for Duty	No. of Sick & Wounded	Total.
Twenty four Companies of Marines, the usual Garrison & two of the Artillery	76	746	195	1017
Second Battalion of Volontaire Etrangere	38	402	86	526
Second Battalion of Cambrise	38	466	104	608
Second Battalion D'Artois	32	407	27	466
Second Battalion Burgogne ...	30	353	31	414
Total of the Garrison ..	214	2374	443	3031
Sea Officers, Private Men & Marines fit for Duty with the Sick & Wounded, belonging to the Ships	135	1124	1347	2606

Total Prisoners ... 5637

Ed. Boscawen.

Endorsed. State of the Garrison of | Louisbourg | in Adl. Boscawen's of | July 28th. 1758.

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Admiral Boscawen and Major General Amherst having taken into consideration the present Situation of Affairs in America, and duely considered their orders for the future Operations of this Campaign after the taking of Louisburg, and weighed with themselves what can be best done in the present circumstances for the good of His Majesty's Service.

are of Opinion that the best thing that could be done would be for the whole Army (exclusive of the garrison of Louisburg) to go to Quebeck, but that that scheme is not practicable, and that the most which can be done up the River St Lawrence is to send a fleet of Ships and three Battalions to destroy the Settlements of Miramichi Gaspy and other Places as far up the River as the Season will permit.

That two Battalions may go to the Bay of Fundy to act on the River St Johns.

And the Admiral and Major General having undoubted Intelligence of the Failure of the Attempt against Ticonderogo and the great Loss the Troops have Sustained, as likewise their being obliged to retreat, though there is no immediate Application from Mr Genl Abercromby, or any account from him of the Action, they are of opinion that it appears to be necessary to send a reinforcement to Mr Genl

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Abercromby, and that it will tend much more to the good of His Majesty's Service to send six Battalions the Remainder of this Army to Boston from whence they may easily Joyn M. Genl. Abercromby than to attempt any thing on the Rivers Mobile and Missisippi which, from all the intelligence we can get from Captain Mackintosh and Mr Calcox, appears to be, for want of Pilots: and better in:formation very doubtfull if not impracticable.

The above is what the Admiral and Major General have proposed and concluded with them:selves to be the best thing to be done, since the day of the Surrender of Louisburg, and they have expected to hear from M: General Abercromby, which they have not as yet. it was not possible to make any Embarkations 'till the Garrison is put on board which is effecting this day, and they now agree and resolve to execute the above Plan with all possible expedition, Signed on board the Namur at Louisburg Harbour August ye 8th 1758.

Ed. Boscawen.

Jeff: Amherst

Endorsed. Resolution. | in Adl. Boscawen's Letter | of Augt. 10th 1758. | N.B. same Paper inclosed | in Genl. Amherst's Letter.

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State of His Majesty's Ships under the command of Adml. Boscowen at Louisbourg August 10th. 1758.

Dublin ..... Terrible ..... Northumberland . Burford, & ... Kingston ...	going home with the Officers of the French Garrison.
Defyance .... Arc-en-Ciel, & Bienfaisant	to go home with the remains of the French Garrison.
Royal William . Vanguard ... Bedford .. Devonshire .. Captain ... Prince Fredrick . Pembroke ... Kennington .. Juno. & ... Etna	going with Sir Chs. Hardy to the River St. Laurence.
Diana .... Trent & .... Boreas	to Cruize in the Streights of Belle-Isle.
Scarborough, & Gramont ...	Cruizing between the Island of St. Pauls and Cape Ray.

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Nottingham - - to Newfoundland to relieve the Garrison.

Sutherland - - - { to the Harbours on the East side of New:foundland to destroy the French Fishers..

Centurion - - - { to go home with the Masts Ships from New England.

Port Mahon - - gone to Philadelphia

Nightingale - - gone to New England

Hynde - - - - gone with a Garrison to St. John's Island

Hunter gone to St. John's River, Bay of Fundy

Hawke going home wth. the Express.

Namur
Pss. Amelia
Somerset
Orford
Lancaster } in Louisbourg Harbour
Prince Orange
York
Squirel, &
Lightening.

(signed) E. Boscawen.

Endorsed. State of Ships | under Admt. Boscawen | 10th. Augt. 1758.

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Namur, Louisbourg harbour, 12th: Augt 1758.

Sir,

I have sent Monsr Le Chevlr: De Drucour late Governour of this place, Monsr De La Houliere Commandant of the Troops, in the Terrible; the rest of the Officers of the Garrison, the Officers of the French Men of War, and seven hundred Seamen Prisoners, and Garrison, in five Men of War & ten Transports, under the Command of Capt. Rodney.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

Ed. Boscawen.

Rt. honble. Wm. Pitt Esqr &ca &ca &ca

Endorsed. Louisbourg Aug. 12th / 1758. / Adml Boscawen / Rx Sept 16

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Namur, Louisbourg Harbr. 14th. Augt. 1758.

Sir,

I have Embarked the French Garrison of Louisbourg & the Officers of the French Men of War, and they will sail to day for England; and cannot help representing that I hope His Majesty will not suffer one of them to return to France on their Parole, till Colonell Schuyler of the Jerseys, taken at Oswego, Capt. Martin of the Royal Artillery, and many others that Monsr. Vaudreuil detains at Quebec, because he thinks they would be useful, have Leave to return:_ Capt. Martin was taken in 1755.

I am

Sir,

Your most obedient &

most humble Servant.

Ed. Boscawen

Rt. Honble. Wm. Pitt. Esqr. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Endorsed. Louisbourg Aug. 14th. | 1758 | Adml. Boscawen |
Rd. Sept 16th.

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Namur, Louisbourg Harb.r 31st Aug.t 1758.

Sir,

Agreeable to the Resolution agreed on between Major General Amherst and myself on the 8th instant, Sir Charles Hardy with the Royal William, Bedford, Vanguard, Devonshire, Lancaster, Pembroke, Kennington, Juno & Etna, and ten Transports with Brigadier Wolfe and the Regiments of Amherst, Brag & Anstruther, sailed for the River St Lawrence on the 29th and yesterday Major General Amherst with the Royals, Webb's, Lasscelle's, Frasers & Forbes's sailed for Boston, convoyed by the Captain & Tyloe; and at the same time sailed the Squirrel & Scarborough, to convoy Monckton's & Otway's to the Bay of Fundi, & Lawrence's for the Garrison of Halifax

I am

Sir,

Your most humble & most obedient Servant

Ed. Boscawen

Rt. Hon.ble W.m Pitt Esq.r &c &c &c

Endorsed. Namur. Louisburg Harbour. | Aug.t 31st 1758. | Adm.l Boscawen. | R. Sept.r 28th from Ireland.

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Namur, Louisbourg Harbr 13th Septemr 1758.

Sir,

My Letter to you by the Defiance (of which I herewith send a Duplicate) will acquaint you with the Disposition of the Fleet and Army, since which the Hynde is returned from St Johns with the inclosed Account of the number of Inhabitants in that Island, Lieut Colonell Lord Rollo writes that they have most of them brought in their Arms & will embark for Europe, I am preparing Transports for that purpose, and hope to get them all from thence this Season. ×by the number of Inhabitants on this Island, and the plenty of Corn and Cattle they have, you will see the great Importance of it to the French, by the best Accounts I can get, they have been the only Supply for Quebec of Corn and Beef since the War, except what has been brought from Europe,× having at present above ten Thousand horned Cattle, and many of the Inhabitants say they grow each of them twelve hundred Bushels of Corn annually, they have no other Market for it but Quebec, they have been an Asylum of all the French Inhabitants of Nova Scotia, and have from this Island constantly carried on the inhuman practice of killing the English Inhabitants, for the sake of carrying their Scalps to the French who paid them for it, several Scalps were

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found in the Governours Quarters when Lord Rollo took possession, I have wrote to his Lordship to send as particular an Account of the Island, its produce, and if possible how this great Encrease of Inhabitants came about, as this Island hitherto has been thought of small Consequence, and not to have above four or five hundred Inhabitants indeed Monsr. Drucourt informed me these might be near fifteen hundred at the Surrender of Louisbourg to His Majesty last War, this Island was included in the Capitulation as it now is, but for want of proper Methods it never was in His Majesty's possession, the Inhabitants standing to their Arms & distroying those that came to take possession of it, at that time the French had no regular Troops in it.

By the Grampus Sloop that arrived here the 4th instant I received yours of the 28th of July, signifying His Majesty's Command to me, that I should leave ten Sail of Line of Battle Ships with a proportion of Frigates under the Command of a proper Officer, in Obedience to which I propose to leave Commodore Durell with the following Ships and Frigates, Vizt Princess Amelia, Bedford, Vanguard, Devonshire, Prince Frederick, Captain, Prince of Orange, Pembroke, Sutherland, Norwich, Squirrel, Hynde, Kennington and Hunter, the Scarborough and

Nightingale must go to the Western parts of North Ame-
:rica to cruize against the Privateers.

I hope to clear the Inhabitants out of this Town in about fourteen days, when I shall leave it for England, with the Namur, Somerset, Orford, Bien:
:faisant and Lightning Fire ship, leaving Orders for Sir Charles Hardy to follow me with the Royal William, Lancaster, Juno & Etna Fireship.

The York and Arc' en Ciel sail to morrow with the remaining French Officers and some other Prisoners from hence.

I have sent two Frigates to cruize in the Streights of Bellisle, to intercept any of the Enemys Ships that may escape Sir Charles Hardy.

I am,

Sir

Your most obedient &

most humble Servant,

Ed. Boscawen.

Rt. Honble. William Pitt Esqr. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Endorsed. Namur, Louisburg Harbour, | Septr. 13th. 1758.|
Admt. Boscawen. | Rx Octr. 10th.

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An Acco.t of the Inhabitants on the Island of St. Johns.

Point Le Prime	700	[? Pointe de Prime]
N: E: River	2000	
St. Peters	700	
North Point	500	
West & No. River	200	
	4100.	

Ed. Boscawen.

Endorsed. Account of the / Inhabitants of St. Johns / in Adml. Boscawen's / of Sept. 13. 1758.

Namur, Spithead, 1st November 1758.

Sir,

In Obedience to His Majesty's Orders I have left ten Sail of the Line and three Frigates at Louisbourg, under the Command of Rear Admiral Durell; I have also sent a Frigate to Virginia, one to New York, another to Carolina, and a fourth to Providence for the Service of those Colonys. Sir Charles Hardy returned from the Gulph of St. Lawrence the 28th of September, inclosed I send you a Report of what was done there by Sir Charles Hardy, and the Troops under Brigadier Wolfe; Sir Chat. Hardy was prevented getting above Cape Roozier by strong Northerly Winds.

I sailed from Louisbourg the first of October, and soon after lost Company with the Orford & Lancaster two third Rates. On the 18th was joined by the Boreas and Trent that had been Cruizing in the Streights of Bell Isle without success.

On the 27th having in Company the Namur, Royal William, Somerset, Bienfaisant, Boreas, Echo, and Countess of Gramont Frigates with the Etna & Lightning Fireships, between four and five in the Afternoon in the Latitd of 49.40, expecting to make the Land, having been two days in Soundings, it blowing hard at South, I made Eight Sail of French

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men of War, five of them large Ships, We were on different Tacks, and as we pass'd three of them fired at us, as did the Royal William and Somerset at them, I wore Ship and stood after them, but the Night coming on could not keep sight of them, and in the Night I split two Mainsails; In the Morning I saw four of the large Ships and stood to them, they made a Shew of Forming a Line and Engaging, but when we were about a mile from them, made all the Sail they could from us, keeping about a Point from the Wind, and I am sorry to say all four of them outsail'd us much; about two o'clock in the After-noon the headmost of them carried away his Fore-topmast, notwithstanding which I could not get nearer to him than about five Miles: During the Chace a fifth French ship came in Sight and stood for us, and when within Random shot, hoisted his Colours, fired a Gun, and struck them; I order'd by Signal Capt Hughes of the Somerset to take possession of her, I took her to be his Majesty's late Ship the Warwick.—

I Anchored here this Evening, and am,

Sir, | Your most humble and

most obedient Servant—

Ed. Boscawen.

Rt. Honble William Pitt Esqr &c &c &c

Endorsed. Spithead Nov: 1st 1758 | Adml Boscawen | R/ 2d.

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An Account of the Damage done in the Gulph of St Lawrence.

1758.

Septem.r 17. The Detachment sent upon the Western shore under the Command of Capt. Irving burnt & distroyed as follows Viz.t

Houses	60	At the Grand Riviere.
Shallops & Boats	80	
Stacks of Fish	8	
All the Stages & Nets and a very considerable Fishery.		
Houses	27	At Pas Beau.
Shallops & Boats	15	
A sloop with Fish & a considerable Fishery		
Houses	6	At the Bay de Sauvage.
Shallops & Boats	16	
Brought off a Man & his Family & 5 Frenchmen that came in & surrender'd & burnt their Habitations & a Sloop		
Houses	6	At the Isle Bonaventure.
Shallops	7	

18. The Detachment under the Command of Capt. Byrd burnt and distroyed on Gaspé side.

Shallops	2
Ditto round the point over the Bay	34
Houses near Gaspé Mills	7
Sent on board the Fleet French Pris.rs	22.

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1758.

Septem^r 18. The Party under the Command of Lieutenant Warren burnt and distroyed at Gaspé

Houses	6
Houses up the Northwest River	2
A Smith's Forge at lower Gaspé,	
Shallops	11
Ditto, brought off	2
Canoes brought off	4

With 13 Men, 1 Woman & a Child Prisoners.

23 Major Dalling with a Detachment under his Command, marched to Mount Lewis, and on his March surprised 6 people curing Fish at Les Grand Etangs and took three of them, distroyed their Fish and render'd their Shallops useless, but the others got into the Woods. At Le grande Vale he took another Prisoner

After five days March to Mount Lewis he burnt and distroyed at that place,

Houses	9
Storehouses	7
Quintals of Fish	6000

With Stables, Outhouses & a Cellar with Melasses.

Schooner	1
Shallops	2
Boats	2

With Fish Stages.

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Found there a Barrel of Powder

4 Barrels of Musquet Balls

2 Cows & a Calf

And brought from thence,

Cannon	4
Swivels	2
Drums	2
Fusees	16
Colours	1 pair

He also took a sloop with Provisions on board for 7 Men for a Month, and some of Mons.r Mackette's Effects, and took Mons.r Mackette, his Wife with 22 Men, 4 Women, & 14 Children Prisoners.

According to Calculation the Fish burnt and distroyed in the Gulph of Saint Lawrence amounted to 36000 Quintals Viz.t

At Mount Lewis	5000
Gaspé	6000
Grand Riviere	10,000
Pas Beau	2000
In a sloop	1000
At Miramichi	12.000

With Stores in the Magazins of Miramichi, Pas Beau, Gaspé, and Mount Lewis to a considerable Value.

N.B: A Quintal of dried Cod sells at Quebec from 36 to 40 Livres.

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Coll^o Murray who was detached to Mira:
:michi distroyed 16,000 Quintals of Fish, The Kings
Magazins, and brought off some of the Inhabitants,
but as the Water was so Shoal, and they had but
one Sloop, could not proceed higher up the River.

Sir Charles Hardy took four Sloops or
Schooners, Distroyed about 200 Shallops in the Bay
of Gaspé, and brought off about 200 Prisoners.

Ed. Boscawen.

Endorsed. Account of damage | done in the Gulph | of St. Lawrence | in Adml. Boscawen's | of Nov. 1st 1758.

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Portsmouth March yᵉ 15th 1758.

Sir

I arrived here early yesterday morning and found His Majesty's Ship, Dublin, ready to sail if the Wind and Weather would have permitted: Capᵗ Rodney was in hopes to have got out this morning, but the Wind is contrary, and he thinks he cannot sail 'till to morrow, He seems to be resolved not to loose a moment's time in getting away. I beg leave to assure you, Sir, that none shall be lost on my part to execute the Orders I have received to the best of my Capacity and to prove my self on all Occasions with the Utmost Respect

Sir

Your most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeff: Amherst

Right Honᵇˡᵉ Mʳ Pitt.

Endorsed. Portsmouth March/ 15. 1758/ M. Genˡ Amherst/ Rᵈ 16th

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Sir

I have this moment the Honour of re:
:ceiving your commands of this day's date, with three enclosed Letters, one for Major General Aber:
:cromby, another for Governour Lawrence, and a third for Governour Lyttleton, which I shall take the greatest care to forward as directed on the First opportunitys after my Arrival. I am with the Utmost Respect

Sir

Your most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
Jeff: Amherst

March ye 7th 1758. ½ past four o'clock

Right Honorable Mr Pitt

Endorsed. March 7th 1758. | Majr Genl Amherst.

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Dublin at Spithead March 15th 1758

Sir

The Liberty I take in troubling you with this letter, will I hope meet with your Pardon, when you know it proceeds from a Heart warm in your Interest and desirous to contribute his Mite, towards rendering your Administration, what every Honest Man wishes it to be,

The Moment I heard twas your desire that the Dublin should supply the Place of the Invincible, with Chearfullness and Alacrity, I got her ready for the Sea, and have wait:ed some time for the General, who came Yesterday, and when his Baggage (which is hourly expected) arrives if the Wind permits I shall get under Sail and lose not a mo:ments time in proceeding to the place of Destination –

As I presume you are acquainted, with the Great Concerns I am intrusted with for the Compton Family, the Heir of which comes of Age the latter end of the Summer give me leave to beg your Assistance that the Dublin, when the Service on which she is sent, is over, may be Ordered to return with the first Ships that are Sent Home,

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I beg you will permit me to assure you that I am with the utmost Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient

and most

Humble Servant

G. B. Rodney

Endorsed. Dublin at Spithead. March | 15th 1758 | Capt Rodney | R 16th

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His Majesty's Ship, Dublin. Vigo March ye 30th 1758.

Sir

I left Portsmouth on the 16th Instant the day after I did myself the Honour of writing to you from thence, Variety of Winds and Weather brought us on the 21st twenty leagues off of Brest, till which time nothing material had happened; it blew very hard that morning, and was very thick Weather, the Dublin going eleven miles an Hour, a Sail was seen laying too, which was taken for an English Man of War, but Capt Rodney soon de:clared it to be an Enemy, who first hoisted Eng:lish Colours, afterwards French, and when he had fired three Guns and some small Arms struck. it blew so very hard that of twenty five or thirty Guns that the Dublin fired, not one had touched him; he proved to be an East India Ship, the Monmartel of Nantes of sixteen 6 Pounders and 73 Men, from the Isles of Bourbon and Maurice, loaded with upwards of seven hun:dred thousand Pounds weight of Coffee, forty Thou:sand of Red Wood, and some private Merchandise, from the Master I have the following Intelligence.

That these were five Ships sent out by the India Company for the said Service la Therese sailed eight days before him from Bourbon, Le

<u>Pacifique</u> sailed the same day in the beginning of November, was a bad Sailer, and he lost company in four and twenty Hours, L'Emerôde, and the fifth (the name he has forgot) were not arrived at the Islands but were expected with Monsieur d'Acier's Squadron, and the Master supposes, those two Ships may be leaving the Islands about this time.

He says that Eight Sail of the East India Company's Ships came from the Indies and wintered at <u>Maurice</u>, that Monsieur d'Acier's Squadron consists of Fifteen or sixteen Sail, of which the <u>Dauphin</u> a <u>60</u> Gun Ship arrived at <u>Maurice</u> the first of October in Company with him, and one Ship of twenty six Guns had arrived before that pursued its Voyage directly to the Indies, the Remainder of Monsr. d'Aciers Squadron was expected at <u>Maurice</u> in December, and is to Joyn the Ships that have wintered there, and the whole to sail to the Indies the later end of February or Beginning of this Month: that there is but one Kings Ship in the Squadron, which is of 74 Guns, and where Monsr. d'Acier is as <u>Chef d'Escadre</u>; there are two <u>74</u> Gun Ships belonging to the Company, and in the whole Fifteen or sixteen Ships of the Line of Battle, the Others from twenty Guns and upwards, he knows nothing of their being sickly,

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by the information he received from a Portuguese Ship. was told they were not so.

Captain Rodney not meeting with any of His Majesty's Ships of War, has been obliged to put in here, as the shortest Method to Secure and get rid of his Prize and Prisoners, and the least retarding his Voyage.

I am with the greatest Respect

Sir

Your most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeff: Amherst.

P.S. we came in here yesterday, where we meet His Majesty's Sloop of War Peregrine and two English Privateers: I hope we shall get to Sea again to day, and that the later Part of our Voyage will be more expeditious than the first has been.

Right Honorable Mr. Pitt

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Endorsed. Vigo, March 30th 1758 | Majr. Genl. Amherst. | R. April 21st by Corunna. |

Halifax 9th May 1758.

Sir,

By Admiral Boscawen who arrived here yesterday, I had the honour to receive from You His Majesty's Order for holding Courts Martial: and the Admiral delivered me, at the same time, your Packet addressed to Edward Whitmore Esquire Brigadeer General of His Majesty's Forces in north America, to be opened by him on his arrival at Halifax; and in case of the death of Brigr Genl. Whitmore, or of his being in any manner disabled from repairing to Halifax, to be opened by me at Halifax; which I shall deliver to Brigr General Whitmore, the moment he arrives from New York.

Since the arrival of Colonel Bastide Chief Engineer in America, General Hopson has been closely employed in getting the Fascines, Gabions, and every other preparation necessary for the Expedition, in readiness. As the General has since received His Majesty's permission from Lord Barrington, to return to England, he has in consequence thereof resigned the conduct of Military Operations into my Hands untill Major General Amhurst, or Brigr General Whitemore shall arrive; and I beg leave to assure you Sir, that I shall in the interim be indefatigable in my Endeavours to promote and facilitate the execution of this Service

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whilst I have the honour to remain in the Command.

I am, with the highest defference and Respect,

Sir,

Your most obliged most obedt

and most humble Servant

Chas Lawrence.

P.S. I beg leave to acquaint you further Sir, that there are arrived here, exclusive of the Troops who wintered in the Province, Majr General Amherst's Regiment, Genl Otway's, Genl Webb's, Brigr Genl Lawrence's Battalion, Colo Monckton's, & Colonel Fraser's, with the Detachment of the Artillery from England, and about five hundred Rangers & ninety Carpenters— Those from New York are hourly expected, having been for some Days at Sea.

The Right Honble
William Pitt.

Endorsed. Halifax May 9th/1758/ Brig Genl Lawrence/ Ry June 16.

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On board His Majesty's ship Namur in
Halifax Harbour 23d May 1758 —

Sir,

I had the Honour of writing you a Letter dated May 9th a Duplicate of which goes by this Conveyance, acknowledging the receipt of your Packet to Brigadeer Whitmore. Since that, the Brigr with the Troops and empty Transports from the Continent, the 58th Regiment from Ireland and every Corps, (the 28th excepted) that I understand to have been destined for the Expedition against Louisbourg, assembled in this Harbour.

Upon the Brigadeer's arrival, which was on the 17th instant, He immediately opened your Packet addressed to him upon His Majesty's Service and finding that it contained his Instructions to remain at Halifax in the Command of the Troops which were to be left for the Protection of Nova Scotia, and to send me forward with the Army, to take post upon the Island of Cape Breton &c; He was pleased to Signify to me his Approbation of my Conduct in the necessary preparations that had been making for the Expedition, and also to desire I would continue giving out such further Orders to the Troops, as might be requisite, until General Amhurst should Arrive, or until the Fleet & Army should sail out of this Harbour.

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In Consequence of these Instructions from the Brigadeer, the four Regiments in Garrison at Halifax, were embarked on the 20th & 21st days of this Month, which was as early as it was possible for the Ad:miral to prepare the Transports for their Reception, and Wood and Water his Fleet: and every other Mea:sure has been since pursued, both with the Fleet and the Army to hasten their departure from this Place, without losing one Moment of Time.

The effective Numbers embarked for the the Service of the Expedition, amount to thirteen thousand two hundred and upwards, Officers and non Commission'd Officers included; The Sick left in the Hospital at Halifax, to about two hundred and seventy; the former are in the highest Health & Spirits, and the latter will, I hope, recover in good time to join and Strengthen us in the execution of such further Services as we may be wanted for, when Louisbourg is Reduced.

The Admiral and all about him are impatient for a fair Wind, and I beg leave to Subscribe my Self with the highest defference and Respect,

Sir, | Your most obedient and

most obliged humble | Servant

The Right Honble William Pitt Chas Lawrence

Endorsed. Namur in Halifax Harbour | May 23d 1758 | Brigadr Genl Lawrence | Rx July 3d

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On board His Majesty's Ship Dublin at Sea May 17th. 1758.

Sir

Captain Rodney having brought the Ship too on seing a Sail which made a Signal of Distress and which is bound to England, and the Master has de:sired him to take some Men out, that he has taken from a Bristol Ship that was sinking at Sea. I cannot omit the occasion to acquaint you of our very long and tedious Voyage since I did myself the Honour of writing to you from Vigo on the 30th. of March, we sailed from thence on the first of Aprill and had very contrary winds & sometimes Calms till the 10th and then for ten days a continual Storm, with the Wind quite contrary during which time we were not far from the Madieras, the 22d we made the Canary Islands, ran in the Latitude of 24, 'till we were supposed to be 500 Leagues from Ferro, and then we stood a North West Course to run to the Eastward of Bermudas, and by the Reckonings we hope to see Halifax to' morrow or the next day. at present it blows a very strong Gale & is thick Weather. I am with the greatest Respect Sir

Your most Humble | & most Obedient Servant

Rt. Honble. Mr. Pitt.

Jeff Amherst

Endorsed. On board the Dublin at Sea. | May 17th. 1758. | Majr. Genl. Amherst. | R. July 5th.

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Camp before Louisburg 11th June 1758.

Sir

The last opportunity I had of writing to you, was on the 17th May, by a Virginia Man bound to England, I then acquainted you with my expectation of seeing Halifax in a day or two, but the later part of my Voyage, by contrary Winds and Fogs, proved as tedious as the first 'til I had the good fortune of meeting Admiral Boscawen with the Fleet and the Troops coming out of the Harbour of Halifax on the 28th Lt Genl Bragg's Regiment from the bay of Fundy joyned the Fleet this day.

The 29th we had fine Weather, the Ships kept well together, the whole consisted of 157 Sail, the Dublin went very sickly into Halifax.

The 30th The Wind blew hard in the After:noon, the Ships were greatly dispersed.

The 31st the Wind sometimes contrary, obliged us to Tack, and it blew fresh:

The 1st of June Captn Rous in the Suther:land came from off the Harbour of Louisburg. said two Ships had got in the 30th, that there were 13 Sail in the Harbour: we saw the entrance of Gabarus at night.

The 2d it was foggy in the Morning, about 12 saw Louisburg and the Ships in the Harbour, the

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Fleet with about a third of the Troops anchored in Gabarus bay, and this Evening, with Brigadier Generals Lawrence & Wolfe I reconnoitred the Shore as near as we could, and made a Disposition for landing in three places the next morning, in case the Troops arrived.

The Enemy had a Chain of Posts from Cape Noir to the flat Point and Irregulars from thence to the bottom of the bay, some works thrown up at the Places which appeared practicable, to land at, and some Batteries.

on the 3d most of the Transports came in this morning, all was prepared for landing but the Surf on Shore was so great, it was impossible to land: this day Br Genl Whitmore arrived from Hali: fax, at which place I have left Colonel Monckton to command. as one bay was found to have less Surf than the others, a disposition was made to land the next morning in one place instead of three.

The 4th, The Wind and Surf were so very high that Admiral Boscawen told me it was im: practicable to land.

The 5th a great Swell and Fog in the morning and the Admiral declared it still impracticable to land.

The 6th, an Appearance of Change of Weather in the morning early, I was resolved to seize the

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first opportunity, the Signal was made to prepare to land between 5, & 6, o'Clock, and at 8 all the Men were in the boats; the Fog came on again, and the Swell encreased during the time the Men were get:ting into the boats, and the Admiral again declared it impracticable to land, I ordered the Troops on board their respective Ships, first acquainting them with the reason for so doing.

The 7th, the Weather bad in the Morning, in the Afternoon the Swell rather decreased and gave us great hopes of landing at day break the next morning, for which orders were given; and Bragg's Regt who were in a Number of Sloops, to sail under Convoy by the Mouth of the Harbour to Lorembec, sending at the same time a proportion of Artillery destined for the light House Point with orders to make all the Shew they could of landing but not to land 'till further orders, intending to draw the Enemy's Attention on that side.

From the 2d to this time the Enemy has been reinforcing their Posts, adding to their works, can:nonading and throwing Shells at the Ships, and making all the preparations they can to oppose our landing: seven Transports were now missing with Troops on board, three of which came in at night. The Admiral gave all necessary Orders for the

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Frigates to cover our landing.

On the 8th, The Troops were assembled in the Boats before break of day, in three Divisions according to the Plan annexed, and Comodore Durell having viewed the Coast by order of the Admiral and given me his opinion that the Troops might land, without danger from the Surf, in the bay on our left, the Kennington, and Halifax Snow, began the fire upon the left, followed by the Grammont, Diana, and Shannon Frigates in the Center, and the Suther:land and Squirrell upon the right; when the fire had continued about a Quarter of an Hour, the Boats upon the left rowed into the Shore under the Command of Br General Wolfe, whose Detachment was composed of the four Eldest Companys of Grenadiers, followed by the Light Infantry (a Corps of 550 Men chosen as Marksmen from the different Regiments, serve as Ir:regulars, and are commanded by Major Scott, who was Major of brigade) and Companys of Rangers, sup:ported by the Highland Regiment, and those by the Eight remaining Companys of Grenadiers.

The Division on the right under the Com:mand of Br General Whitmore consisted of the Royal, Lascelles, Monckton, Forbes, Anstruther, & Webb, & rowed to our right by the white Point as if intending to force a landing there.

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The Center Division under the Command of Br General Lawrence was formed of Amhersts, Hop:son's, Otway's, Whitmores, Lawrence's & Warburton's, & made at the same time a Shew of landing at the fresh water Cove; this drew the Enemy's at:tention to every part and prevented their Troops posted along the Coast from Joining those on their right.

The Enemy acted very wisely, did not throw away a Shot 'till the boats were near in shore, and then directed the whole fire of their Cannon and Musketry upon them: the Surf was so great, that a place could hardly be found, to get a boat on shore; notwithstanding the fire of the Enemy and the Violence of the Surf, Brigadier Wolfe pursued his point, and landed just at their left of the Cove, took post at:tacked the Enemy, & forced them to retreat. many Boats overset, several broke to Pieces, and all the Men Jumped into the Water to get on shore.

So soon as the left Division was landed the first Detachments of the Center rowed at a proper time to the left and followed, then the remainder of the Center division as fast as the boats could fetch them from the Ships. and the right Division followed the center in like manner.

it took up a great deal of time to land the

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Troops. the Enemy's Retreat, or rather Flight, was through the roughest and worse Ground I ever saw, and the Pursuit ended with a canonading from the Town which was so far of use, that it pointed out how near I could encamp to invest it; on which the Regiments marched to their ground and lay on their Arms, the Wind encreased, and we could not get any thing on shore.

The loss of His Majesty's Troops at our landing is., Capt: Baillie and Lt. Cuthbert of the Highland Regiment, Lieut Nicholson of mine, 4 Serjts. 1 Corporal & 35 Men Killed. Twenty one were of my Regiment (the Grenadiers) of which 8 were shot, and the rest drowned in trying to get on shore.

5 Lieuts. 2 Serjts. 1 Corporal and 51 Men wounded, and of the five Companys of Rangers 1 Ensign and 3 private Killed, 1 wounded & 1 missing

On the Enemy's side 2 Captns. of Grenadiers and 2 Lieuts. are prisoners, one Officer Killed and an Indian Chief, several Men likewise Killed, and I imagine about 70 Men taken Prisoners, they were sent on board as fast as posible. by some of the Prisoners I had intelligence that Monsr. St. Julien, Colonel comanded in the Cove, that there were five Battns. in the Town, namely, Bourgogne, Artois, Royal Marine Cambise & Volontaires Etrangers with about

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700 Canadians, the three first Regiments wintered in Louisburg, Volontaires Etrangers came there not long since with part of the Fleet, and Cambise the night before we landed.

We took from the Enemy 3, 24 Pounders 7, 9 Pounders and 7, 6 Pounders, 2 Mortars and 14 Swivells, all which were placed along the shore to prevent our landing, with Ammunition Tools & Stores of all kinds.

the 9th Lt Genl Braggs Regiment returned in their Sloops from Loremback the Weather continued extreamly bad, the Surf so great that we could get only some of our Tents on shore in the Afternoon.

The 10th the Surf still continued and it was with great difficulty that we got any thing on shore

The 11th the Weather grew clear and better, and the light six Pounders which I had ordered on shore immediately after the Troops, were now only landed, and some artillery Stores with them.

I delivered the Dispatches for Major General Abercromby and Governour Lyttleton, to Colonel Monckton, that he might forward them by the first and safest Occasion.

I shall add to this, Sir, a list of His Majesty's Forces as I found them, by which you will see where it differs from that I received

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from you, and a List of the Forces left for the De:
:fence of Nova Scotia.

I will press on every thing to the utmost of my Power towards the Execution of His Majestys Orders, I write this in case Admiral Boscawen Should dispatch a Ship to England, in my next I hope to give you a good Account of our Progress.

I am with the greatest Respect

Sir

Your most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeff: Amherst

Rt. Honble Mr. Pitt.

Endorsed. Camp before Louisburg June | 11th 1758 | M. G. Amherst | Ry Augt. 18th. by Capt. Amherst.

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Troops destined for the Siege of Louisburg.–

May 24th. 1758.

Staff. { Whitmore —— / Lawrence —— / Wolfe —— } Brigadiers

Corps	Rank & File
R Royal	854
W Amherst	763
A Forbes	660
L Whitmore	910
W & L Bragg	627
M Otway	565
L Hopson	655
L Warburton	852
A Lascelles	856
A Webb	932
W Anstruther	615
M Monckton	925
R Lawrence	814
A Fraser	1084
Officers, Serjts. & Drumrs.	1223
Detachment of the Royal Regt. of Artillery. Officers included	324
	12659

Five companies of Rangers – 538.

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Troops left for the Defence of Nova Scotia - May 24. 1758.

Corps	Rank & File.
Kennedy	659
Otway	392
Royal Hopson, Warburton, Lascelles	104
Lawrence	104
Fraser	201
Officers, Serj.ts & Drum.rs	146
Artillery, Officers included	54
	1660

A Company of Rangers.

Major Morris of Otways left at Halifax with the Detachment of that Regiment, Colonel Monckton sent the 28th of May to command there.

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Camp before Louisburg 23^d June 1758.

Sir

The last Letter I wrote to you I gave you an Account of every thing material that had happened to the 12th of June, on which day from Intelligence I had received that the Enemy had destroyed the Grand Battery, and called in their out Posts, I detached Brigadier Wolfe with 1200 Men, 4 Companys of Grenadiers, 3 Companys of Rangers and some light Infantry round the North-East Harbour, to the light-House Point, with an Intention to silence the Island battery and at the same to attempt to destroy the Ships in the Harbour sending at the same time by Sea the proportion of Artillery, Tools &ca that had been ordered for this Service.

I received this day a Report from Brig^dr Wolfe that he had taken possession of the light-House Point, and all the Posts on that side the Harbour, which the Enemy had abandoned, leaving several Cannon which were rendered useless, Tools &c, and a great quantity of fish at Lorembec. the weather continued extreamly bad, but we got some Tools on shore this night, so that on the 13th We be:gan to make a Communication from the Right to the Left in front of the Camp, and I ordered three Redoutes on the most advantageous Ground in the Front: a Party

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of the Enemy came out this day towards our Camp, but were soon beat back by the light Infantry, be:fore two Picquets could well get up to their as:sistance. we worked at the three Redoutes in front all night.

the 14th the Enemy canonaded us a great part of the day, I received a Letter from the Gov:ernour, a Copy of which I send you enclosed with my answer. the Surf still continued so great that it was with the greatest difficulty we could land any thing. The Fleet under the Command of Sir Charles Hardy which appeared yesterday for the first time, was in the night blown off to Sea.

the 15th I sent four more Mortars in a Sloop. to the light house, but we could not get any Artillery landed on this shore, at night two Deserters from the Volontaires Etrangers came in, said they had 5 Killed and 40 wounded in the Skirmish on the 13th.

the 16th the first fine Weather, we landed twelve days provision, and got many things on shore, but could not yet land any Artillery.

the 17th I got Colonel Bastide on Horseback and with Col Williamson & Major Mc Kellar, we reconnoitred the whole ground as far as we could, and Colonel Bastide was determined in his opinion of making approaches by the Green: Hill, and confining the Destruction

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of the Ships in the Harbour, to the light House point, and the Batteries on that side. I added two 8 Inch Mortars and 3 Royals to the light House batterys.

The 18th we had fine weather, some Indians took three of the transports Men at the bottom of Gabarus bay, who landed there contrary to orders. the Road for the Artillery was pushed on as fast as possible, we got 3 24 Pounders on shore tho the Surf was great the beginning of the day.

19th the Batterys at the light House were intended to have been opened this night, but could not be got ready so soon, L'Echo, a french Frigate of 32 Guns, was brought in to-day, had got out of the Harbour the 13th at night & was bound to Quebec, by her we have intelligence, that the Bizarre got out the day we landed, and the Cornette since our Arrival off the Harbour. this shews how very difficult it is to block up the Entrance of the Harbour, it appears to me to be impossible.

The 20th The Island Battery and Ships fired at the Batteries on the Shore, who began their fire this last night, the Enemy burnt an old Ship at the Bottom of the Harbour

The 21st very bad Weather and the Surf high, the Enemy discovered us making the Road for the Artillery

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& canonaded us, threw some Shot into the left of the Camp, but did not oblige me to decamp any part; an advanced Redoute towards Greenhill was thrown up this night.

the 22d the bad Weather continued, we were employed on the Roads, and getting up a block house on the left, by the Miray Road, to secure the Com:munication to the North East Harbour and light House, and to hinder any Partys from going into the Town,

The 23d the Admiral assured me there were above a hundred boats lost in landing the Troops and provisions, this day fine Weather, and we now have on shore 12 24 Pounders, and 6 12 Pounders, the Enemy fired a great deal from their Shipping and Island battery, and they threw some shot into the left of the Camp. Colonel Messervy and most of his Carpenters taken ill of the small Pox, which is a very great loss to this Army. Gabions and Fascines are landed and caryed froward as fast as possible, to make an Epaulement to Green hill. the Batteries at the Light house, fire with success against the Island battery, and I hope will Soon silence it.

I am with the utmost Respect | Sir

Your most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

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P: S: one Man of Warburton's deserted.
the Army in General very healthy.
Lieut: Fenton of the Royal and
Lieut: Frazier of the Highland Regiment
are dead of their wounds received on the 8th

Right Honble Mr Pitt.

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Monsieur

Incertain du sort de Messieurs de Belestà et Langlade, Capitaines de Grenadiers, et des Sieurs de Savary et Romainville. Officiers, dont nous n'avons point de nouvelles, depuis le jour de votre de:barquement. J'ay l'honneur de prier Votre Excellence de vouloir bien me faire scavoir si ces Messieurs sont tués ou s'ils sont blessés et restes prisonniers entre vos mains, en ce dernier cas. je me flatte que vous voudrés bien me faire le plaisir de me mander l'etat de leurs blessures, et m' envoyer des Passeports, pour leur faire parvenir en surete leurs Domestiques, et l'Argent dont ils peuvent avoir besoin. Ces Secours etant egalement conformes aux loix de la Guerre, et de l'humanité, et devant etre reciproques entre deux nations pollicées que les notres.

J'ay lieu d'attendre que vous voudrés bien avoir egard a la demande que j'ay l'honneur de faire à votre Excellence, en faveur de ces Messieurs.

Je la prie d'etre persuadé qui si les hazards de la Guerre me mettent à portée dans le cours de cette Campagne, de lui donner des preuves de ma consideration; qu'il ne luy restera rien à desirer; Si vous avies quelque Officier de distinction blessé et dans ce Cas Malheureux

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d'avoir besoin d'un bon Chirurgien, nous en avons ici un de la plus grande reputation a vous offrir, et dont vous pouvés disposer, ainsi que de toutes les ressources dont cette Ville peut etre susceptible.

J'ai l'honneur d'etre avec les Sentiments de la plus parfaite estime

Monsieur

De Votre Excellence

Le tres humble, et tres obeissant

Serviteur

Le Chr. de Drucour

à Louisbourg le 14me Juin 1758.

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Monsieur

Je viens de recevoir la lettre que Votre Ex:
:cellence m'a fait l'honneur de m'ecrire en datte d aujourdhui.

Je n'ai pas encore eû rapport des Vaisseaux, des Noms des Officiers qui y sont Prisonniers.

J'envverai instamment, pour scavoir si les Messieurs mentionnées y sont. Je sçai qu'il y a eû une Capitaine des Grenadiers mal_blessé à la tete; et une Lieutenant des Grenadiers, qui à eu la jambe cassé, et fut blessé au bras.

Ces Messieurs, et toutes les Prisonniers, et blessées, ont eté envoyées tout de suit à bord les Vaisseaux de Guerre les plus proches, etant le moyen le plus court, de les faire pansées au plutôt, et d'en avoir le meilleur soin.

Je puis assurer Votre Excellence, qu'on á eu, et qu'on aura á tout egard le meme soin des Prisonniers et blessées, que des trouppes du Roi Mon Maitre, et qu'ils seront fournis de toutes choses, dont ils peuvent avoir besoin.

Je vous suis tres obligé de Vos Politesses. S'il y a quelque chose au camp, qui peut être utile, à la Personne, ou pour la table de Votre Excellence, je serai charmé de toutes les Occasions de l'assurer

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qui j'ai l'honneur d'etre &c &c –

(sic)

au camp le 14me. Juin 1758.

S: E. Le Chr. Drucour.

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Camp before Louisburg, 6th July 1758

Sir

The last Letter I did myself the Honour of writing to you was to give you an account of every thing that had passed to the 23d of June inclusively, but as yet I have not had any opportunity of sending it: I shall now continue my account from that day to this, in hopes of an occasion offering.

on the 24th, the Enemy fired on the light House Batteries from the Town & Shipping, and on our advanced Redoute which was finished, they fired from the Town. I sent a Drummer into Louisburg with a Letter to the Governour, a Copy of which I enclose with the Answer thereto. Colonel Bastide remained fixed in his opinion of advancing by Green hill; we had this day in the Park of Artillery 13 24 Prs and 7 12 Prs.

the 25th the cannonading continued night and day, in the Evening the Island Battery was silenced, their own fire had helped to break down part of their works, fascines & Gabions were forwarded to green hill as fast as possible, all the men employed at work and making the necessary Communications; the Enemy fired a good deal at our advanced Redoute.

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26th a small Alarm on the left of a Party that had advanced from the Town, had got up to the block house, which was not quite finished, they had with them a Barrell of Pitch to set it on fire, the Guard on it was not sufficient to oppose a large Party, but a Detachment was sent out so quick, that they were forced to retreat without effecting their design, tho two of the Men had been in the blockhouse, and they were drove back into the Town very fast. 300 Pioneers ordered to green hill, Admiral Boscawen landed 200 Marines, and took the Post at Kennington Cove, which is a great ease to the Army. I desired of the Admiral 4 32 Prs and 2 24 Pr to leave at the light House to keep the Island battery in ruin, that with a proper number of men entrenched there, Brigadier Wolfe with his Detachment might be able to come round the Harbour, bringing his Artillery with him, and to try to destroy the Shipping, and to advance towards the West gate.

27th one Brass 24 Pr was lost in 12 Fathom water by slipping off the Catamasan, as they were coming from the Ship to land it, the Cannon, I asked of the Admiral, were landed this night at the light House.

28th a great many popping Shots and

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canonading, as the Post at green hill was covered, we began the Road over the Bog, and throwing up an Epaulement. Col Messervy and his Son both died this day, and of his Company of Carpenters of 108 men, all but 16 in the small Pox, who are Nurses to the sick, this is particularly unlucky at this time.

29th canonading continued, the Frigate fired constantly at the Epaulement, we pursued working at the road, which cost a great deal of labour; at night the Enemy sunk four Ships in the Harbour's mouth, the Apollo, a two decked one, La Fidelle of 36 Guns, La Chevre and La Riche of 16 Guns each, and they cut off most of their Masts, remain in the harbour five of the Line of Battle and a Frigate of 36 Guns.

30th at night some firing at Kennington Cove, the Marines thought they saw Indians, the Frigate fired all night at the Epaulement, as the Men worked in the night time.

1st of July, the Enemy creeped out in the morning to get some old Palisades & Wood, Br Wolfe & Major Scotts light Infantry pushed them in with a very brisk fire, and the Brigadier took posts on the Hills, from whence it was intended to try to demolish the Shipping, we marched forward

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on the right, forced the Enemy back to Cape Noir with a smart fire.

the 2d the Epaulement and Road went on heavily from the extream badness of the ground, the Enemy continued their canonading and threw some Shells, we skirmished all day with Parties out of the Town.

3d a great Canonading from the Town and Shipping on the Baterys Br Wolfe was making. an advanced work on the right thrown up at 650 yards from the covered way with an Intention of erecting a Battery to destroy the Defences of the Place, it being pretty well on the Capital of the Citadel Bastion, and the falling of the Ground from this Place towards the works, would hinder discovering as much of the works as would be necessary to do them any considerable damage, in the Evening the Sea Officers thought some of the Ships would try to get out of the Harbour, the Batteries on the Left immediately played on them, but it grew so dark, they could not continue.

4th a great Fog when there were Glares of light the canonading began, 500 Men kept continually making Fascines

5th very bad Weather, the Epaulement was hastened on as much as possible, it swallowed up

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an immense Number of Fascines, cost some Men, as the Frigate canonaded on it without ceasing.

6th a Sloop sailed out of the Harbour with a Flag of Truce to Sir C. Hardy, to carry some things to their wounded Officers and Prisoners. The many difficulties of landing every thing in allmost a continual Surf, the making of Roads, draining and passing of Bogs, and putting ourselves under Cover, renders our approach to the Place much longer than I could wish, but I beg leave to assure you, Sir, that no time shall be lost in advancing and I doubt not, but, the necessary Precautions being taken, our Success will be very certain.

I am with the utmost Respect

Sir

Your most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeff: Amherst

Rt. Honble. Mr. Pitt.

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Au Camp le 24me: Juin 1758.

Monsieur

Il y á quelque tems que j'ai cru de faire sçavoir à Votre Excellence les Noms des Officiers que se trouvent parmi les Blessées, et Prisonniers.

J'ai l'honneur à present d'envoyer a Votre Excellence avec ces lignes, des Lettres de ces Mes:sieurs par lesquelles vous serez informé de l'etat de leur Santé.

Il y á aussi une Lettre pour Monsieur Meyrac que l'Amiral Boscawen m'a chargé d'envoyer par la premiere Occasion, et de faire ces Compliments a Votre Excellence; cette Lettre je crois s'est trouvé sur la Fregate l'Echo.

J'ai l'honneur d'etre avec la considera:tion, la plus parfaite.

De Votre Excellence

Le tres humble, et tres obeissant

Serviteur

Jeff: Amherst.

A S: E: Le Chevalier Drucour

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à Louisbourg le 24^{m} Juin 1758

Monsieur

Je reçois en ce moment la Lettre que Votre Excellence m'à fait l'honneur de m'ecrire, elle m'a fait d'autant plus de plaisir qu'elle m'a appris l'etat de la Santé des Officiers, dont j'etois in:quiet. ils m'ont confirmé ce dont je ne doutois pas en ce qui concerne les Attentions et Politesses, que Votre Excellence à eu pour eux; ils ne sont pas moins reconnoissants de celles de Son Excellence L'Amiral Boscawen, je vous prie de lui faire passer, mes tres humbles remercimens de l'hon:neur de Son Souvenir auquel je suis fort sensible.

Madame Drucour vous prie d'aggreér les sentimens de sa reconnoissance, de votre obligeante attention, elle desireroit avoir quelque chose qui put vous faire plaisir, elle se flatte que vous l'accepterés de meme qu'elle recoit vos fruits rares.

J'ai l'honneur d'etre avec la plus parfaite consideration

Monsieur

De Votre Excellence

Le tres humble et tres obeissant

Serviteur

Le Ch.r de Drucour

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J'ay l'honneur de vous prevenir que j'enverray demain abord d'un des premiers Vaisseaux, par une Chaloupe le Linge, et autres effets qui les Officiers Blessés et prisonniers demandent.

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Camp before Louisburg July 23^d 1758 —

Sir

I was in hopes to have sent my Letters to you long before this, my last of the 6th was to inform you of our Situation here, with every thing that had passed at this place, 'till that time.

On the 7th we had very foggy weather I received a Letter from the Governour of Louisburg by a Drummer, and one for Admiral Boscawen, which I sent to him with the one I had received, the Admiral came on shore, we both wrote, and I sent the Drummer back in the Afternoon; a Copy of Monsr. Drucour's Letter to me and my answer are herewith inclosed. canonading continued all day, and a good deal of popping Shots from the advanced Posts.

the 8th I intended an Attack on some advanced Posts at Cape Noir, but it did not take place, Col: Bastide got a Contusion by a musket Ball on his Boot which layd him up in the Gout.

9th in the night the Enemy made a Sortie when B^r Lawrence comanded, every thing had been so quiet it was expected by some, others I fear, were not so vigilant, and suffered for it, the Enemy came from Cape Noir, and thó drunk,

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I am afraid rather surprised a Company of Grena:
:diers of Forbes's, comanded by Ld Dundonald, who were posted in a Fleche on the right. Major Murray who comanded three Companys of Grenadiers imme:
:diately detached one and drove the Enemy back very easily, Whitmores & Bragg's Grenadiers behaved very well on this occasion, Lord Dundonald was killed, Lt Tew wounded and taken Prisoner, Capt: Bontein of the Engineers taken Prisoner, 1 Corporal 3 men Killed, 1 Serjt 11 Men missing, 17 Men wounded. the Sortie was of five Picquets supported by 600 men, a Capt Chevalier de Chauvelin was killed, a Lieut: wounded & taken Prisoner, 17 men killed, 4 wounded & Brought off Prisoners, besides what wounded they caryed into the Town, one of which, a Captain, died immediately. The Enemy sent out a Flag of Truce to bury their dead, which when over, the canonading began again; the Frigate was so hurt she hawled close to the Town, the Ships fired very much against Br. Wolfe's Batteries

10th the Road at the Epaulement went on a little better, the Enemy fired a great deal and threw many Shells.

11th a Waggoner was taken off by some Indians between the block: House and the left of the N. E: Har:
:bour, I should have mentioned in my last that

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the 30th. Lt. Crofton of a Ranger Company brought in two Scalps of Indians.

12th it rained very hard all night not a Man in Detachment could have a dry thread on. we made an advanced work to Green: hill, at night the Waggoner who had been taken luckily made his Escape, said they were 250 Canadians. the Cita:del Bastion fired very smartly.

13th. the Enemy threw a great many Shells, we perfected our works as fast as we could. bad rainy Weather, the Enemy was at work at Cape Noir to hinder us taking possession near that Point, which is of no consequence. Some Deserters came in said a Sloop from Miray got in three days ago.

14th the Batteries were traced out last night with an Intention to place twenty 24 Prs divided in four different Batterys, to destroy the defences, and a Battery of seven Mortars, with some twelve Pounders to ricochet the Works and the Town

15th. the canonading & firing continued, the Enemy tryed to throw some shells into Camp, supposed to be intended against our powder Maga:zine. at ten at night the Light: House Battery fired some Rockets as a Signal of Ships sailing out of the Harbour, Sir C: Hardy answered it, the Frigate got out, and Sir C Hardys Fleet got under Sail

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& went to Sea. before day break Capt Sutherland posted at the end of the N: E: Harbour was at:tacked and there was a great deall of firing, the Grenadiers of Br Wolfes Corps marched to sus:tain him, and all the light Infantry, it was over before they could get up, and by a Deserter from the Enemy, they were only 100 Men, came from Miray where they left Monsieur de Boisbere who had on the other side the water 300 men with boats to pass. Major Scott with the light Infantry pur:sued but could not get up with them. I en:camped a Corps forward.

16th towards night Br Wolfe pushed on a Corps and took possession of the Hills in the Front of the Barasoy, where we made a Lodgement, the Enemy fired very briskly from the Town and shipping.

17th a great fire continued from the Town and Shipping, we resolved to extend the Parallel from the right to the left, the Fleet returned.

18th all last night the Enemy fired Mus:kettry from the covered way, tryed to throw shells into the Camp.

19th I relieved the Trenches by Batts the 14 Battalions forming three Brigades, a smart fire from the covered way, the Batterys on the left

fired against the Bastion dauphin with great Success.

21st one of the Ships in the Harbour had some Powder blown up in her, made a great Explosion and sat the Ship on fire, which soon caught the sails of two more. they burned very fast and we kept firing on them the whole time to try to hinder the boats and People from the Town to get to their Assistance. the Entreprenant Capricieux & Superbe were the three burned Ships, the Prudent & beinfaisant remained.

22d two Batterys on the right opened with 13 24 Pr and another of seven Mortars and fired with great Success, the Enemy fired very well from the Town for some time and threw their Shells into our Works. one Shot went into the Muzzle of a 24 Pr and stuck there as if it had been tryed to be rammed in. Our Shells put the Citadel in Flames, I ordered Col: Williamson to confine his fire as much as he could to the defences of the Place that we might not destroy the Houses. a Lt of the Royal Americans going his rounds on an advanced Post, lost his way & was taken Prisoner near Cape Noir. a Battery was begun on the left for 4 24 Ps. 23d the cohorns were used at night & the french mortars sent to throw stones from the Trenches.

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The Enemy fired all sorts of old Iron and any Stuff they could pick up. Col: Bastide was out to day for the first time since he received the contusion our Batterys fired with great success. this night the Shells sat fire to the Barracks and they burnt with great Violence.

As I now imagine Admiral Boscawen will not send any Ship 'till the Siege is over which, I hope, will not last many days, I will give you an Account of our Losses in my next, which hitherto have been much less than could be expected from so great a fire. the Enemy have fired very wild:ly and have thrown away a great quantity of ammunition.

I am with the utmost Respect

Sir

Your most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeff Amherst

Rt. Honble. Mr. Pitt

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A Louisbourg le 7me Juillet
1758.

Monsieur

Lors du Siège de Mahon Mr. de Blaken:
:ey ayant informé Mr. le Marechal de Richelieu
de l'emplacement de l'hopital, sur la representa:
:tion qui luy fut faitte a ce sujet, il ordonná
d'en ecarter le feu des Batteries, et des
Bombes, le Batiment fut marqué en con:
:sequence, et conservé par egard pour l'hu:
:manité et pour les Malades; J'ai l'honneur
de rappeller cet exemple, a Votre Excel:
:lence, et de la prier de vouloir bien
en user, comme il á eté pratiqué a
Minorque entre Nos Generaux, dés que Votre
Excellence m'aurá honoré de Sa reponse,
je ferai arborer diagonnalement deux pa:
:villons de chaque Nation pour en marquer
l'enceinte distinctement.

Sur l'assurance qui m'a eté donné
qui Son Excellence Mr. L'Amiral Boscawen
ètoit chargé du commandement en Chef
des Troupes de terre, et de Mer, j'ai lieu
d'esperer que Votre Excellence voudra bien
luy faire passer les memes representations,
et les appuyer de Son Suffrage.

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J'ai l'honneur d'etre avec la plus par:
:faite consideration

Monsieur

De Votre Excellence

Le tres humble et tres
obeissant Serviteur

Le Chr: de Drucour.

Endorsed. Copie d'une Lettre de / S: Ece Le Chevalier de / Drucour Gouverneur de / Louisburg Le 7me Juillet / 1758. / in M. G. Amhersts of July / 23: 1758. / 1.

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au Camp le 7me Juillet
1758 –

Monsieur!

Sur la reçeu de la lettre que Votre Excellence m'a fait l'honneur de m'ecrire d'aujourdhui je me suis informée de Monsr. le Colonel Bastide, & des autres Officiers qui ont eté au Siege de Mahon, de ce qui s'est passé touchant l'Hopital. –

Ils m'ont tous assuré, qu'ils ne se souvient point qu'aucune representation à jamais eté fait de la part de Monsr. le Genl. Blakeney, ou qu'aucune chose soit passé entre Monsr. le Marechal Richelieu, et Monsr. le General Blakeney touchant l'Hopital. Ces Messieurs me disent que l'Hopital à eté dans une place detaché nommé Fort Charles, & tout á fait a couvert; que les Chirurgiens aiant fait rapport que le bruit du cannon au fort faisoit du mal aux blessées Le Gouverneur ordonna qu'on cessoit de tirer le Cannon du dit fort.

Les droits de l'humanité exigent tout le soin qu'on peut avoir des blessées, et malades, & dans les circonstances presentes, je serai charmé de convaincre Votre Excellence que les trouppes de terre du Roy Mon Maitre, que j'ai l'honneur de commander

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en Chef, ne cederont point à aucune autre Nation dans l'execution des susdits droits.

Je ne vois pas comment il est possible de mettre les Blessées et Malades, dans l'en:ceinte de la Ville, sans etre incommodés du feu, et des Bombes. Si Votre Excellence trouve bien de les mettre dans l'Isle à l'entrée du Port, et que l'Isle sera visité, et sujet à etre visité par une de mes Officiers, pour voir que les Ouvrages restent dans l'etat qu'ils se trouvent actuellement, à present; & qu'on y transporte les malades et Blessées, je suis d'accord. Ou si Votre Excellence, (sur les memes conditions) aimé mieux les mettre sur une des Vaisseaux à part, et que ce Vaisseau peut s'eloigner des autres, je serois aussi d'accord. Au reste, si Son Excellence l'Amiral Boscawen veut permettre a une Vaisseau, (enfin que les Malades et Blessées soient plus en Sureté) de rester avec la flotte à l'entrée du Port, pour cette fin je permetterois volontiers que le Vaisseau sort du Port, & je tacherois autant qu'il m'est possible, que rien ne manquerá de mon coté pour le soin des blessées et Malades —

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J'ai l'honneur d'etre avec un tres parfait considesation

Monsieur

De Votre Excellence

Le tres humble et tres obeissant Serviteur

Jeff: Amherst.

S: E: Le Chevalier de Drucour.

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Camp of Louisburg July ye 27th 1758.

Sir

That I may continue my Account since the 23d Instant (the last Letter I had the Honour of writing to you) and lead you to the Surrender of Louisburg, I am to acquaint you.

on the 24th the fire was very brisk on our Side and the Enemys decreased, the Admiral gave me 400 Seamen to help work at the Batteries &ca and 200 Miners added to a Corps of 100 already established, that we might make quick work of it, and they were immediately employed. the 4 Gun Battery opened, and another of 5 erecting. one of the Men of War in the Harbour the Bienfaisant fired at our Trenches at high water, and the Citadel and Bastion Dauphin fired against the 4 Gun Battery, but our Men firing small Arms into the Embrazures beat the Enemy off their Guns.

25th the Batterys fired with great Success. The Admiral sent me word, he intended to send in boats with 600 men to take or destroy the Prudent and the Bienfaisant in the Harbour, I ordered all the Batteries at night to fire into the works as much as possible to keep the Enemy's attention to the Land, the Miners, and workemen went on very well with their approaches to the covered way thó they had a

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continued and very smart fire from it, and Grape Shot, and all sorts of old Iron from the Guns of the Ramparts. we continued our fire without ceasing and a Ricochet. The boats got to the ships at one in the morning and took them both with great ease, they were obliged to burn the Prudent as she was aground, and they towed off the bienfaisant to the N: E. Harbour.

26th the Admiral came on shore and told me he proposed sending six Ships into the Harbour the next day, just at this time I received a Letter from the Governour, which I answered and the Ad:miral and I signed it Jointly, this Brought on another from the Governour, and I answered it again, and that you may, Sir, be fully informed of every thing that passed, I send you Copys of the whole. The Troops remained in the Trenches this night as usual.

27th Three Companys of Grenadiers under the command of Major Farquhar took possession of the West gate and I sent in Brigadier General Whitmore to see the Garrison lay down their Arms and post the necessary Guards in the Town, on the Stores, Magazines &c, and I had the Arms brought out of Town, and Eleven Colours, which I send you under the care of Captain William Amherst, who will likewise deliver

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to you all my Letters from the day of the Troops landing here, which I have had no opportunity of sending. as I have given out in orders that I desired every comanding Officer of a Corps would ac:quaint the Officers and men, that I was greatly pleased with the brave and good behaviour of the Troops, which has, and allways must insure Success; I am to acquaint you, Sir that I took the liberty to add to it, that I would report it to the King.

I enclose with this a Return of the Killed and wounded of His Majestys Troops in this Is:land since their first landing.

as Admiral Boscawen intends to send away a Ship very soon, it may happen, I shall not have it in my power to give you an Account of the State & Condition of the Garrison and the Town, or am I yet able to Judge what the future operations of this Campaign may be. if I can go to Quebeck, I will.

I am with the utmost Respect | Sir

Your most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
Jeff Amherst.

Right Honorable Mr Pitt.

Endorsed. : Camp before Louisburg July | 27th. 1758 | M. G. Amherst | Rx Augt. 18. by Capt. Amherst.

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Le Chevalier de Drucour Capitaine des Vaisseaux du Roy. Gouverneur des Isles Royale, St Jean et dependances

Authorisons le Sr. de Loppinot aide Major de cette Place, de passer au Camp de Son Excellence le General Amherst pour luy demander suspension d'Armes, pour entrée est pour parler avec luy.

A Louisbourg le 26 Juillet 1758

Le Chr. de Drucour

a true Copy.

J. Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy of the 1st Letter | sent open from the Governour | of Louisbourg ye 26th July | 1758. in the morning. | to Major Genl. M.G. Amherst. | in Capt. Amherst's of July 27. 1758.

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Au Camp le 26me Juillet 1758.

En Reponse du Billet que Je viens d' avoir l'honneur de recevoir de Votre Excellence par les Mains du Sieur Loppinot, Je n'ai a repondre a Votre Excellence, quil a été decidé par son Excellence L' Amiral Boscawen et moi, que les Vaisseau devoient entrér demain pour faire un Attaque Generale sur la Ville, Votre Excellence scait fort bien la Situation de L' Armée et de la Flotte, et comme S: E: M. L' Amiral Boscawen aussi bien que moi Souhaitons fort d eviter L' Effusion du Sang, Nous donnons une Heure du tems apres le Receü, de celle cÿ que Votre Excellence peut determiner de Capitulér comme Prisonniers de Guerre, ou de prendre tous les mauvaises Consequences d' une deffense contre cette Flotte et Armée. Nous avons L' honneur d etre avec des tres parfaites Considerations

Monsieur &ca

(was signed) Edward Boscawen

Jeff: Amherst

a true Copy

J Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy of the Answer to the | Governour of Louisburg 1st | Letter on the 26th July 1758 | the Answer signed by | Admiral Boscawen & | M: General Amherst | in M. G. Amhersts of July 27. 1758.

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Messieurs

J'ai chargé Mr. d'Anthonay Lt. Colonel de ma Garnison de remettre a Vos Excellences les Articles de Capitulation, que j'ai l'honneur de leur proposer avec d'autant plus de confiance, qu'ils sont conformes a ceuxe qui ont eté accordés a la Garnison de Portmahon. Je n'ai jamais douté que Vos Excellences ne fussent ainsi que moy portées a eviter l'Effusion du Sang, mais vous sentés que ma Situation à tous Egards, ne me met pas dans le Cas d'accedér a la proposition, que me font vos Excellences.

Je suis fort determiné à eprouver les suites de l'attaque generale que vous m'anoncés.

J'ai l'honneur d'etre avec un tres parfait Consideration. Messieurs

De Vos Excellences

Le tres humble, et tres

obeissant Serviteur

Le Chr. de Drucour

à Louisbourg le 26me. Juillet, 1758.

a true Copy

J Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy of the Governour | of Louisburg's 2d Letter | on the 26th of July 1758 - | in M. G. Amherst's of July 27. 1758.

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Au Camp le 26me: Juillet 1758

Monsieur

Nous venons de recevoir la reponse qu'il á plut a Votre Excellence de faire, sur les Con:ditions de Capitulation qui vous ont eté offerts. Nous ne changerons point dans nos Sentimens la dessus, il depend de Votre Excellence de les accepter, Oui ou Non, & vous aurez la bonté de donner reponse la dessus dans une demie heure.

Nous avons l'honneur d'etre, avec les plus parfaites considerations.

Monsieur

De Votre Excellence

Les tres humbles et

tres obeissants Serviteurs

Edwd. Boscawen

Jeff: Amherst.

a true Copy

Jeff Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy of the Answer to | the Governour of Louisburgs | 2d Letter on the 26th July | in M: G: Amherst's of July 27. 1758.

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Messieurs

Le peu de tems que vos Excellences m'indi:
:quent ne me permet pas d'entres dans les details
que la Capitulation que vous exiges meritent. J'ay
chargé M. Danthonay Lieut.t Colonel au quel j'ay
adjoint M. Le Chev.r Duvivier ayde Major General,
et M. Loppinot officier Major de regles avec vos Ex:
:cellences pour les modifications en faveur des Con:
:ditions que vous imposé.

J'ay l' honneur d'etre avec la plus parfaitte
consideration

Messieurs
de Vos Excellences
Votre tres Humble et tres
Obeissant Serviteur
Le Chev.r de Drucour

a Louisbourg le 26.e Juillet 1758

a true Copy
Jeff Amherst

Endorsed. Copy of the Governour | of Louisburg 3.d Letter | on the 26.th July, accepting | the offers of Capitulation & | sending three Officers thereon. | in M. G. Amherst's of July 27. | 1758.

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Au Camp le 26me Juillet 1758

Monsieur.

Nous avons l'honneur denvoyer a votre Excel:lence Les Articles de Capitulation Signés, Le Lieut. Colo:nel d'Anthonay n a pas manqué de parler pour les Habitans de la Ville et ce n'est nullement notre In:tention de les faire Souffir, mais de les donnér tous les Assistances dans notre pouvoir. Votre Excellence aura la bonté de Signér un duplicat des Articles de la Capitulation et de L'envoyer au plutot. nous saisirons avec beaucoup de plaisir tous les Occasions que peuvent Soffrir pour assurer Votre Excellence que nous sommes avec la plus parfaite distinction.

Monsieur &c

Edward Boscawen
Jeff Amherst

a true Copy
Jeff. Amherst

Endorsed. Copy of the 3d Letter | to the Governour of Louisburg | sent to him with the Articles | of Capitulation. in M. G. Amherst's of July 27 | 1758.

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Articles de Capitulation entre son Excellence L'Amiral Boscawen et son Excellence Major Genl. Amherst d'une part, et de son Excellence Monsieur Le Chevr. Drucour Gouverneur de L'Isle Royal, de Louisbourg, Isle de St. Jean, et de leurs dependances.

1re. La Garnison de Louisbourg Sera prisonniere de Guerre et sera Transportée en Engleterre dans les Vaisseaux de sa Majesté Brittanique.

2d. Toute L'Artillerie, les Munitions de Guerre et de Bouche, aussi bien que les Armes de toutes Especes qui sont a present dans la Ville de Louisbourg Isle Royalle et de St. Jean et leurs dependances seront livrés sans le moindre degal aux Commissaires que seront Appointés pour les recevoir a L'Usage de sa Majesté Brittanique.

3me. Le Gouverneur donnera ses ordres que les Troupes qui sont dans L'Isle de St. Jean et ses dependances Se Rendront a Bord de tel Vaisseau de Guerre que L'Amiral Envoiera pour les Recevoir.

4me. La porte dauphine sera Livrée aux Trouppes de sa Majesté Brittanique demain a huit heures du Matin, et le Garnison y' compris tous ceux qui ont porté les Armes se rangera a Midi sur L'Esplanade et posera les Armes, Drapeaux, Instruments

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et Ornements de Guerre. Et la Garnison sera Em:
barquée pour Etre transportee en Engleterre dans un
Tems convenable.

5me On aura le meme Soin des Malades et
Blesses qui sont dans les Hopitaux que de ceux de
sa Majesté Brittanique.

6me Les Negotiants et leurs commis qui n'ont point
porté les Armes Seront transportes, en France de
telle Facon que L'amiral Jugera a propos.

Le Chev: de Drucour.

Louisburg Le 26me Juillet 1758.

a true Copy

Jeff. Amherst.

Endorsed. Copie des Articles de | Capitulation de L'isle |
Royalle, de Louisburg, | de L'isle de St Jean, et de | leurs
Dependances. | Le 26me Juliet 1758.

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Messieurs

J'ay l'honneur de renvoyer a Vos Excellences le duplicata des Articles de la Capitulation que j'ai Signée M. Le Chevr. Duvivier m'a rapporté que vous pensiés que les nombre de Bourgeois, qui avoit porté les Armes étoit beaucoup plus considerable qu'il n'est reelement, il consiste en une foible Compagnie de Voluntaires qui etoient a la descente et qui pendant le siege ont été employés sur les Batteries, comme cet Objet est de tres peu d'importance, Vos Excellences me feroient plaisir de les laisser ainsy que les autres Negotiants dans la même liberté. Je suis avec la plus parfaitte Consideration.

Messieurs

de Vos Excellences

Le tres humble et tres Obeissant

Serviteur

Le Chevr. de Drucour.

a Louisbourg

Le 27me Juillet 1758.

a true Copy

Jeff. Amherst

Endorsed. Copy ~~of the Governours~~ (sic) | of Monsieur de Drucours Letter on the 27th July | sent with the Capitulation | Signed by him. | in M. G. Amherst's of July 27. | 1758.

Au Camp le 27me de Juillet 1758.

Monsieur

Je Viens ce moment du recevoir la Lettre de Votre Excellence en date d'aujourdhui avec la Capitulation Signée Les Trouppes sur les Ordres de Monsieur le Major Farquhar sont prets a prendre possession de la porte dauphine, et j'envois a Votre Excellence, Le Brigadier Whitmore avec des Officiers, Et des Commissaires necessaire pour voir mettre en execution la quatrieme Article a l'egard de la Garrison, qui doit mettre bas les Armes. Le Brigadier Whitmore s'informera dans quelles endroits, il sera ne:cessaire de mêttre des Gardes a present, pour tenir bon ordre et pour eviter aucune Confusion dans la Ville. Je serais Charmé de toutes les Occasions de Con:vainer Votre Excellence que j'ay l' honneur d'étre avec un tres parfaitte Consideration

Monsieur &ca

Jeff. Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy from Mr General | Amherst to Monsieur de | Drucour, on the receipt | of the Capitulation signed | by Monsr. de Drucour. | this the 27th July | in M. G. Amherst's of July 27 | 1758.

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Monsieur

En consequence du 4e Article de la Capitulation, J'avois donné les Ordres necessaires a la porte Dauphine, mais le pont a refaire en partie pour y pouvoir passer, et le masque en entier de la ditte porte a de bleyer a cause du retardement a la livraison des troupes que Votre Excellence y a envoyé, la garnison Sera a Midy (ainsy qu'il est enoncé) a la Place pour remplir l'objet de l'Article de la Capitulation

Le Major indiquera les endroits pour y poser des Sentinelles.

Je desirerois aussy, Monsieur, trouver des Occasions de marquer a Votre Excellence les Sentiments de la parfaitte consideration avec les quels J'ai l'honneur d'être.

Monsieur

de Votre Excellence

Le tres humble et tres Obeiss.t Serviteur

Le Chev.r de Drucour.

A Louisbourg

le 27 Juillet 1758

a true Copy

Jeff Amherst

Endorsed. Copy from Monsieur | de Drucour to M. G. Amherst | 27th July 1758.| in M. G. Amhersts of July 27. | 1758.

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Monsieur

J'ay L'honneur de demander a votre Excellence, des passports pour envoyer en differents endroits de L'isle Royale Comme le port dauphine, L'espagnalle, mire le port thoulouse. afin de Communiquer aux Commandants de ces differents Endroits, les Articles de la Capitulation afin de S'y Conformer J'ay l'honneur d'etre avec la plus parfaite Consideration

Monsieur

De Votre Excellence Le tres humble
Et le tres Obeissant Serviteur
Le Chev.r de drucour.

a Louisbourg
ce 27 Juillet 1758

a true Copy
Jeff Amherst

Endorsed. Copy from Mons.r de Drucour to | M: Genl. Amherst the | 27th of July 1758 — | a Letter in answer to this | and the Passports were sent, | a Copy of the Letter has not | been kept. | in M. G. Amherst's of July 27. | 1758.

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Return of The Killed, and Wounded in the several Regiments on

Regiments	Battalions	Commanding Officer's Names
1st	2d	Lieutenant General James St. Clair . . . . . .
15th	.	Major General Jeffery Amherst . . . . . .
17th	"	Brigadier General John Forbes . . . . . .
22d	.	Brigadier General Edward Whitmore . . . . . .
28th	.	Lieutenant Genl. Philip Bragg . . . . . .
35th	"	Lieutenant General Charles Otway . . . . . .
40th	.	Major General Peregrine Thomas Hopson . . . . . .
45th	.	Lieutenant General Hugh Warburton . . . . . .
47th	"	Lieutenant General Peregrine Lascelles . . . . . .
48th	.	Major General Daniel Webb . . . . . .
58th	.	Colonel Robert Anstruther . . . . . .
60th	2d	Colonel Robert Monckton . . . . . .
60th	3d	Brigadier General Charles Lawrence . . . . . .
63d	.	Colonel Simon Fraser . . . . . .
.	.	Marines . . . . . .
.	.	Rangers . . . . . .
		Total . . . . .

Artillery . . . . { Killed. 1 Gunner and 3 Mattrosses
Wounded. 1 Corporal, 1 Gunner, & 5 Mattrosses.

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the Island of Cape Breton from 8th June to 26th July 1758. Incle

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Camp near Louisburg July ye 30th 1758.

Sir

I send you enclosed the State of the Garrison of Louisburg, exclusive of every thing belonging to the Fleet. My Last Letter was of the 27th.

28th, I ordered all the Fascines Gabions and every other necessary forward for repairing the Works of the Town and an immediate Survey to be made thereof

29th, we began to work and to make roads to march the Artillery into Town, that it may be embarked. I sent with the late Governour to Monsr. de Boisbere to call him in but I suppose it is likely he is already made off. a great Fogg all day.

30th The Admiral sends me word the Ship is ready to go, I hope the Prisoners will be em:barked in a day or two.

Time does not permit me, Sir, to send a Plan of the Works, approaches &ca, Captain Amherst shall take with him the most compleat one the Engineers have been able to make. Nothing yet settled as to future operations. I am with the utmost Respect

Sir Your most Humble

And most Obedient Servant

Jeff Amherst

Rt Honble Mr Pitt.

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Louisbourg 27th. July 1758.

An Account of the Guns Mortars Shott Shells &c.a in the Town of Louisbourg found upon the Surrender of the Town to His Majesty's Forces under the Command of His Excellency Major General Amherst this day.

Iron Ordnance Mounted on Standing Carriages with Beds and Coins	36 Pounders	35
	24	97
	18	23
	12	19
	8	10
	6	28
	4	6
Mortars Brass with Beds.	12½ Inches	3
	9	1
	6½	3
Mortars Iron with Beds.	12½ Inches	6
	11	4
	9	1
Musquets with Accoutrements		7500
Powder whole Barrells		600
Musquet Cartridges		80,000
Do. Balls	Tons	13
Round Shot	36	1607
	24	1658
	12	4000
	6	2336
Grape Shot	36	139
	24	134
	12	330
	6	130
Case Shot	24	53

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double headed Shot	24	245
	12	153
Shells	13 Inch	850
	10	38
	8	138
	6	27
Lead Pig / Ditto Sheet	Tons	12
Iron of Sorts	Tons	6
Wheel Barrows		600
Shovells	Woods	760
Ditto	Iron	900
Pick Axes		822
Iron Crows	Large	22
	Small	12
Iron Wedges		42
Hand Mauls		18
Pin Mauls		12
Masons Trowells		36
Hammers		36
Axes		18

This all that the Commissary have as yet found, but there is undoubtedly more not yet accounted for 30th July 1758.

Jeff Amherst
Major General

Endorsed. Account of Guns, & Stores / taken. / in M. G. Amherst's of July 30. / 1758.

Camp near Louisburg August ye 10th 1758.

Sir

The Wind and Weather have been so favourable since the 30th past, that I hope there is no doubt but His Majesty's Ship Shannon will make a quick passage with the accounts of the Surrender of Louisburg: my last Letter was of that date, a Duplicate of which with one before of the 27th and of the Capitulation I herewith enclose, as Admiral Boscawen intends to send away a Ship this day.

I am now to acquaint you that since my last.

On the 1st of August I went to the Admiral to talk to him of the bad news we had (the night before) received of Mr Genl Abercromby's having failed in his attack, and to try if we could do any thing immediately, which he thought not possible 'till we could first get the Garrison embarked: the Weather was very foggy and hindered the Transports from getting into the Harbour.

2d several of the Ships got in and the Admiral thought we should get the Garrison on board in two or three days. the Army employed in levelling the Trenches and repairing the Works of the Town.

3d one of the Transports designed for the Garrison run aground coming into the Harbour and beat a

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Piece of her bottom out, which retards the Embarkation.

4th I had the Barracks that remained, and Houses repairing to prepare them for the Troops. The Sloops I had sent to different Places to bring in the Inhabitants with their Family, several of them returned, many Germans who are willing to stay which I have told them they shall do, or that they shall be sent to Lunenburg in Nova Scotia, with which they are well satisfyed.

5th Some thieving broke out in Camp I was obliged to order a General Court martial for the first time to put a Stop to it in the beginning. I de:sired some Sloops of the Admiral to send to Espagnolie, and St Johns Island.

6th I ordered 200 Foot, 50 Light Infantry and 30 Rangers to Espagnolie under the Command of Major Dalling to bring away a quantity of square timber and Shingles ready cut out for building Barracks for the Regiments of Cambis and Volontaires Etrangers. the Ad:miral and I concluded we could not go up to Quebec, so that I offered a large Sum of money for Pilots to go there, and took care it should be belived, that we were resolved to attempt it, which may have some small Effect in M: Genl Abercromby's favour. the Army continued levelling the Trenches and Batteries and repairing the works of the Town.

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7th Major Dalling sailed with the detachment under his command, he is likewise ordered to bring away the french Inhabitants who are able to carry Arms. and to leave the Germans for the present.

8th Colonel Rolls embarked with a Detachment of 500 Men to go to the Island of St Johns, I send you a Copy of my orders to him, as I should do of Major Dallings, but I was then so employed I had not time to write it twice, these Detachments are taken from the intended Garrison of Louisburg.

9th several Accidents hindered the Garrison from being imbarked 'till this day ye 9th when we be:gan by 8 o'Clock and Cambis Artois Bourgogne La Marine and Volontaires Etrangers were put on board and I hope will sail very soon. The Admiral and I wrote down our Opinions and resolves as to future operations of which I send you a Copy. I shall leave Whitmore's, Braggs Hopsons & Warburtons Regiments for the Garrison of Louisburg. the 1st because it is the Briga:deer's Regt the 2d as they have no Men left at Halifax (these four Regts have the fewest of any in the Army), the 3d as they have two Companys at Newfoundland, and the 4th that Colonel Wilmot may be the second in Command at Louisburg.

I intend to send my Regiment and Anstruther's who have many more sick than any Regt here up

the River St Lawrence and to add Braggs to them for the expedition, and put them under the command of Brigadier General Wolfe, who will afterwards leave Bragg's at Louisburg and take mine and Antruther's to Halifax.

I am not yet determined, Sir, as to what two Battalions I shall send to the bay of Fundy and up the River St Johns, I shall contrive it, if I can, to give Colonel Monckton the command of that Expedition, and my present intentions are, if nothing should hinder me, to go with Brigadier Lawrence and the Six remaining Battalions to Joyn Mr Genl Abercromby.

I am With the utmost Respect

Sir

Your most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeff: Amherst.

Right Honorable Mr Pitt

P. S. from the time of the Capitulation to this a Number of Letters and Applications have passed between the late Governour and me of which none are so material as to trouble you with them, enclosed is a list of the Officers he desires may go to France on their Parole being allmost all wounded, if on farther Enquiry I find no reason for suspicion of any being

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sent to give particular Intelligence of the Situation and State of this Country I shall permit them all to go. there were several more demanded that I struck off.

Jeff. Amherst.

of Germans & Prodestants from the Volontaires Etrangers
61 entertained in Lawrence's
48 D^o in Monckton's
11 D^o in Lascelles's
11 D^o in Gorhams Company of Rangers.

J. A.

Endorsed. Camp. near Louisburg. | Augt 10th 1758 | Maj^r Genl Amherst. | R^d Septr 4th by Capt Hathorn.

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Instructions for Colonel Rollo.

Sir

You are to take on you the Command of 300 Men, and 200 Light Infantry and Rangers, in the whole 500 orderd to parade this day at 12 o'Clock at the head of the Artillery, and you will march to the Barasoy where there will be boats to embark them in the following disposition

On Board the King of Prussia ... 140

Dunbar ... 140

Bristol ... 130

Catharine ... 90

The Ships will be Victualled for three months for the above number of 500 Men, and Admiral Boscawen will order a proper Convoy, to proceed to the Island of St Johns. Lieut: Spry Engineer will embark with your detatchment, and will have Tools that 300 Men may work, and 1000 Palisades, to build a Redoute round the Barracks if practicable, or in such a manner and on such ground as you will judge best, that 100 men or about that number which I propose leaving at Fort La Joye, on the Island of St Johns may be Sufficiently Coverd and Secured to defend themselves against any Attempts the Ene:my can possibly make against them. An Overseer and Ten Carpenters will embark with the said

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detatch[t] who have orders for carrying Boards, Spikes, Nails, and what ever may be wanted to make cover for the intended Garrison and pallisading the Redoute.

Monsieur de Drucour will send two or three Officers from Louisbourg to inform the Garrison and the Inhabitants of the Island of St Johns of the Articles of Capitulation in which they are included, who are to lay down all their Arms, and Surrender themselves.

The Garrison at Fort La Joye consisting of one Company of Marines, are to be disarmed, and you will embark them so soon as you think proper.

A Copy of the Capitulation is herewith inclosed for your farther Information.

The Officers orderd by Mons[r] de Drucour may be sent in boats to the diff[t] places in the Island, (keeping always one Hostage with you) to order the Inhabitants to bring in their Arms, and after the Articles of Capitulation are made known the Inhabitants should make any Opposition, or be found in Arms, they should be treated as Rebels and destroyed, that we may remain in quiet possession of the Island.

All the Inhabitants who Surrender, or who may be taken alive are to be brought to Louisbourg, and if the number should be so great as not to leave room for the Troops in the Ships, you will in that Case send away the Inhabitants immediately, and the Ships

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will return to you to bring the detatchment back—

When you have called in the Inhabitants of the Island and have Settled every thing in the best manner you can, that the Redoute or work that you and the Engineer may think proper to Erect for the Security of the Garrison is finished, The Barracks properly Coverd, and the provisions laid in, which you will do from the Three months orderd on board the Ships. You will then leave a Captain and 3 Subalterns with 100. or 20 or 30 men more or less than that number, as you on the spot will judge best for the intended Service, with the necessary Orders for Executing it And you will then with the remainder of your detatchment return to Louisbourg. And if I should be gone from hence you will report to Brig: Genl. Whitmore or the Officer Commanding at Louisbourg, and you will receive your farther Orders from him. Given at the Camp before Louisbourg August 8th. 1758.

Jeff: Amherst.

Copy to Collo Rollo

Comanding a Detatchment of Five Hundred

Men to the Island of St. Johns.

Endorsed. Copy of Instructions | to Colonel Rollo. Command.g | 500 Men to the Island of | St. Johns. | given 8th. August 1758 | in M. G. Amherst's Letter of | Aug.t 10th. 1758.

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Camp near Louisburg August 12th 1758

Sir

I wrote to you the 10th Instant by the Hawke Sloop of War; the Ships with the french Prisoners sailing to morrow morning gives me the Opportunity of sending you a Plan, which I have not been able to get till this moment, and now it is not quite so full and plain as I would have it.

Yesterday the 11th I was obliged to have a notorious Thief hanged to put a Stop to robberys, which began to be committed in Camp, another was sentenced to suffer death, but as he had before a good Character, I have repriev'd him untill His Majesty's Pleasure shall be known, as I hope, if the King should be most graciously pleased to pardon him, that one example may be sufficient to hinder this Crime going any farther: I shall send a Copy of the General Court martial and particulars to Lord Barrington.

The Officers that are Prisoners, who I have permitted to go to France, by the desire of Monsr. de Drucour, have all signed to a paper of which I send you, Sir, a Copy, as likewise of one that Monsieur de Prevost the Intendant has signed.

Monsieur and Madam de Drucour, and Le Marquis Desgoutz who comanded the Fleet are this Evening gone on board the Dublin, and Terrible.

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The works of the Town are repairing with all possible expedition, as far as will be necessary for the immediate defence, I have ordered the State and condition of the Place to be fully surveyed, and an exact Report to be made thereof, with likewise what additions may be thought necessary to be made to the Fortifications, which are at present in a ruinous way, but to judge by what is begun and finished on the left by Cape Noir side, the Enemy certainly intended to repair the whole, and would have made them very good, at a great expence.

I shall, to the best of my power, hasten on the Embarkation of the Troops for the different services of which I acquainted you in my Letter of the 10th

I am with the utmost Respect

Sir

Your most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeff. Amherst

Right Honorable Mr Pitt

Endorsed Louisbourg Aug 12/1758. | M. Genl Amherst | Rx Sept. 11th

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Copie — Nous Soussignés Reconnoisons —

Avoir été faits prisonniers de sa Majesté Britanique par la Capitulation de Louisbourg, avoir receu au nom de sa Majesté, par son Excellence Monsieur le Genl. Major Amherst, la permission d'aller en France pour le rétablissement de nos Santés, promettons de nous rendre en Angleterre aussitôt que nous y seront rappellés et de ne point servir contre sa d.e Majesté Britanique n'y aucune de ses Alliés avant d'avoir été échangés

Fut signé	
Franquet	Mr. Franquet Brigr. et directeur du Genie.
	Mrs. Etat Major —
Denis de Bonnaventure	de Bonnaventure Lt. du Roy
Loppinot	Loppinot . . . Major
	Regt. D'Artois
Belesta	Messrs. Belesta Capitaine des Grenadiers
Rocquard	Rocquard Capitaine
Mascle	Mascle Lieutenant
	Regt. de Bourgogne.
Langlade	Messrs. Langlade Capt. des Grenadiers
Chevr. de Brouzade	Chevr. de Brouzade Capitaine
Geffroy de Clinchamp	Clinchamp Lieutenant
	Regt. de Cambis
St. Ferreol	St. Ferreol Lieutenant
Querny	Querny Lieutenant
Bois	Bois Lieutenant
Dassier	Dassier Capitaine

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fut signé	Regt de Volontaires Etrangers
Du Chesne	Mess.rs Du Chesne Lieutenant
blessé et peut etre au Lit pour 3 Mois	De Willstrow Lieut
	Offic.rs de la Colonie
Dangeac	Dangeac Capitaine
Destimauville	Destimauville Capt
Benoist	Benoist Capt
Chevr du Chambon	Chevr du Chambon Capt
Came de St Agne	St Agne Capitaine
Merville	Merville Capitaine
Sabatteir	Sabattier Enseigne

Endorsed. Copie de ce qui a eté | signé par les Officiers | Francois qui ont eu | Permission d'Aller en France:

Jeff: Amherst

in Genl Amhersts of | Aug. 12. 1758.

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Ayant été pris dans la Ville de Louisbourg Lorsque L'Armée d'Angleterre s'en est emparée, son Excellence Monsieur Le General Amherst m'a permis de passer en France directement pour ma Santé, et s'il est necessaire je me representeray en Angleterre, lorsque j'y seray redemandé.

A Louisbourg le 12me Aoust 1758

Prevost

Copie

Jeff Amherst

Endorsed. Copie de ce qui a été / signé par Monsr. de Prevost / L'Intendant qui a eu / Permission d'Aller avec / Sa Famille en France.

Jeff: Amherst

in Genl. Amhersts of / Aug. 12 1758.

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Louisburg August 28th 1758.

Sir

The last time I did myself the Honour of writing to you was on the 12th Instant when I was in hopes His Majesty's Troops would have Sailed from hence on the different expeditions before this time, and according to the Resolutions taken by Admiral Boscawen and me, of which I made you a Report: but the Troops are all yet here.

On the 13th I fixed on Cape Noir for the Hospitals; the Ships with the Prisoners could not get out of the Harbour, we had very bad weather: began to repair the Island battery and continued at the works of the Town.

14th the Quarter Masters and Camp Colour men were out to mark a Camp nearer to the Harbour for the conveniency of embarking: There are so many things of the Artillery yet in Camp thó moving them every day, that the commanding Officer of the Artillery told me he could not clear the ground in less than eight days. two Ships got out, the Terrible & Kingston, then it blew so hard, the Others could not get out, and it was so foggy and rainy that the Ground was not all marked out.

15th the Quarter Masters out at day break, the Tents were dry about ten, when the General was

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beat, assembly half an Hour After and March at Eleven, leaving Guards at the Provisions, Hospitals & Artillery: the Regt encamped, the Right a little on the right of the Miray Road, Left at the Barosoy: the Ships with the Prisoners sailed out of the Harbour this morning.

16th I acquainted all the comanding Officers with the Destinations of the Regiments, it was very bad weather, insomuch that the

17th it put a stop to all work and made it impracticable to have anything done this day.

18th I ordered the Redoute by the Miray Road to be levelled it being too near the Town to be a Guard for the Security of the Environs, we had fine Weather this day, all the Carpenters at work in repair:ing the Tops of Houses to make them wind & water tight, and removing the Hospitals.

19th the Admiral told me the Ships would be ready to go to the River St Lawrence

20th I got a list of the Ships and the Ad:miral said the Troops might embark to morrow. Major Dalling arrived to day with the Detachment from Espagnolle, brought a great quantity of square Timber, plank, & Shingles, and left a great deal be:hind for want of more room in the Ships.

21st it blew hard, but Amherst's, Bragg's

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and Anstruther's embarked at twelve o' Clock. I gave Brigadier General Wolfe his Orders a Copy of which I send you enclosed

22d Brigadier General Lawrence set out for Halifax, the Affairs of the Province demanding his presence there. we began to level the Epaulement, the Ships with the Troops warped out of the N: E: Harbour, but the Wind would not permit them to sail, some Artillery Stores & part of the Hospital yet remaining at the old Camp, Lt Leslie returned from the Colliery with a Detachment I sent for Coals, and brought three Sloops loaded.

23d. The Troops could not get out of the Harbour, the Epaulement was compleatly levelled to day.

24th Otways & Moncktons embarked at twelve, Lawrences and four Companys of Rangers ordered likewise for Halifax could not embark for want of Shipping being ready.

25th the Weather so bad the Troops could not embark, I took in all the out Posts.

26th Lawrences Battalion and the Rangers em:barked, I gave Colonel Young his orders with Letters for Br General Lawrence, and Colonel Monckton Copys of which I send you enclosed. Sir C. Hardy could not get out. at night I received a list of the Transports

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for three Regts.

27th Royal Webbs & Fraziers embarked, fine weather, an Accident happened at the rear of Forbes's, a barrell of Powder blew up and wounded a Ser:jeant and five men. at night I received a List of Ships for the other two remaining Regts.

28th Forbess and Lascelles's embarked at one o'Clock in the Afternoon. Sr C: Hardy with the fleet under his Command sailed at three, the last of the Regts being now embarked, I am going on board His Majestys Ship Captain that no time may be lost in getting out of the Harbour as soon as possible; I write this as Admiral Boscawen tells me he will dispatch a ship immediately to England.

I send you Copys of my Letters to Briga:diers Whitmore, Lawrence, & Wolfe, and to Colonels Monckton, Bastide and Williamson.

I likewise enclose to you, Sir, a Report of the Condition of the Works with a Plan of the Town and I send you these Letters, &ca as the plainest way of shewing you every thing that is done.

Admiral Boscawen is shipping off the In:habitants as fast as possible, I dont know their Numbers exactly, I should think there were on this Island about 3,000 exclusive of St Johns from whence I have as yet no Account.

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I have done and ordered every thing, as I am convinced is the best for His Majesty's Ser:vice, I hope I am not deceived.

I am with the utmost Respect

Sir

Your most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeff Amherst

P: S: I have acquainted Governour Pownal with my Intentions of taking five or six Batt^s to Boston to Joyn General Abercromby.

R^t Honble Mr Pitt.

Endorsed. Louisburg Augt 28th 1758. (Maj^r Genl Amherst)
R Septr 28th from Ireland.

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Sir

It has been agreed between Mr. Boscawen and me that in the future Operations of this Campaign, one of the most advantageous things which can be done, will be to send a Fleet of Ships and three Battalions into the Gulph of St Lawrence to destroy the Settlements of the Enemy at Mirimachy, Gaspe and other places, and to proceed as far up the River St Lawrence as the Season of the Year will permit.

You are therefore to take on you the Command of Amhersts, Braggs, and Anstruthers Regts ordered for the above service, and in conjunction with Sr Charles Hardy, or such other Officer as Admiral Boscawen shall appoint to Command the Fleet intended for this Expedition, you will go to Miramichy, Bay de Chaleur and Gaspe which places, though of no great force to oppose you have several Inhabitants: they are immediately on the back of Nova Scotia and are Sources from whence the Renegades Spring, and march over to the head of St Johns River and so to the Bay of Fundy, continually infesting the Settlements of His Majesty's Subjects in Nova Scotia, who will be greatly benefited by rooting up this Stem of the Enemies communication from the Gulph of St Lawrence to St John's River.

I have detatch'd two Battalions under the Command of Col. Monckton to go up the River St Johns,

from the Bay of Fundy, with an Intent to destroy the Vermine, who are settled there, and to clear that Country of them, and Col: Monckton has orders to go to St Anns of which he will keep possession, and as far up the River as he shall judge proper for effec:tually compleating the intent of this Service.

It is therefore of great consequence to bring away the Inhabitants of Miramichy, bay de Chaleur Gaspe &ca and to destroy their Settlements, and to take away all Ships, boats &ca that may be found there.

You will likewise try to make the most effectual Impressions you can on the Enemy's Settle:ment on the South side of the River St Lawrence, as far up as you and the Commander of the Fleet shall judge Expedient, which may have a very good Effect, by Alarming the Enemy at Quebec and favouring Genl Abercromby in his future Operations—

I have orderd for the above Service two Engineers, and three Artillery Officers, two light Six Pounders, two Eight Inch Mortars with a requisite proportion of Am:munition and Stores as likewise Pick axes, Shovells, Fel:ling Axes and other necessary's.

When this Service is finish'd or that it shall be judged by you and the Commanding Officer of the Fleet no longer safe to remain in the River St Lawrence, you will return to Louisbourg or send in Braggs Regiment

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that is intended for that Garrison, and you will order the sick men of Amhersts and Anstruthers that will be now be (sic) left at Louisbourg, to be embark'd and joyn their Regiments. and with these two Regiments you will proceed to Halifax and land them there, taking upon you the Command of the Troops there, untill you shall receive further Orders.

I imagine you will on your Arrival receive Orders from England as to the destination of these two Regiments: it was intended when I came from England that they should be orderd home, and I was told it was likewise intended that you should return to England.

I have reported the disposition intended for this Army, and these Regiments going to Halifax under your Commond, for which reason, I presume too, you will receive orders from thence.

You will please to take all Opportunities that may Offer of either acquainting me or General Abercromby of the progress of your Expedition

I am Sir

Your most humble and most

Obedient Servant

Louisbourg 15th Augt 1758. (sic)

P: S:

As you tell me that by your letter of

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Service, when you left England, you think yourself Authorised to return to England as soon as the Siege of Louisbourg is over you will leave the above orders with the Eldest Officer, wherever you think proper to go after you return from the River St Lawrence.

J. A:

a true Copy
Jeff. Amherst

Endorsed. Orders to B. Genl Wolfe | 15th August 1758. | in M: G: Amhersts of Augt | 28th 1758. | 1.

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Louisbourg Augt. 26. 1758.

Dear Sir

I send you enclosed a Copy of the orders I send to Col^l. Monckton, your Battalion you will please to order to land as soon as it arrives, and not per: mit any of Otways and Moncktons, or any of the Rangers to go on Shore,

You will see by the List of the Ships in which your Battalion is Embark'd and of which I en: close you the Names, what will be sufficient for the detatchment of Otways who can't be put on board too soon, that Colonel Monckton may not loose a moments time in setting out on this Expedition.

I would then have the detatchment of the High: land Regiment and all the men of the Royal, Forbes's, Lascelles, and Webbs put on board some of the re: maining Transports that your Battalion will dis: embark from, in which Transports you may likewise send any Cloathing or whatever Else may be at Halifax belonging to these Regiments.

The Admiral orders the Scarborough Man of War to go to Halifax and from thence to Convoy the detatchments to Boston and the Squirrell is to go into the Bay of Fundy.

When the provincial Affairs of Nova Scotia will permit you to leave Halifax I shall be glad to

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see you at Boston or wherever the Troops may be march'd to: As your Battalion will remain at Hali:fax I imagine you will think Col. Young a proper Officer to leave the Command of the Troops with and the Care of Affairs at Halifax 'till Colᵈ Monckton returns there.

You are already acquainted with my Intentions of sending the Battering Train to Halifax with two Companies of Artillery, their Numbers won't be great at present, as the detatchment's for the River Sᵗ Lawrence and Sᵗ Johns are taken from these two Companies.

When you have Halifax be pleased to order Colonel Younge or the Commanding Officer to make con:stant Reports to you or to Genˡ Abercromby.

I am with Truth Dear sir

Your most Humble

and Obedᵗ Servant

a true Copy

Jeff Amherst

Endorsed. Copy to Bʳ Genˡ / Lawrence 26ᵗʰ August / 1758 / in M: G. Amherst's of Augᵗ / 28ᵗʰ 1758 / 2

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Orders to the Honble Col Monckton to take on him the Command of a Corps of Troops, and to go to the Bay of Fundy & St Johns River detatching two hundred Men and a Company of Rangers to Cape Sable

I have orderd Otways Regiment and the Second Battalion of the Royal American Regiment with four Company's of Rangers, Viz Gorhams, Mc Curdy's, Starkes & Brewers, for the Service of destroying, or taking possession of the Enemies Settlements, on the River St Johns in the Bay of Fundy, which Expedition you are to Command, and I send the Third Battalion of the Royal American Regiment to remain in the Garrison of Halifax &c that the detatchment of Otways may Joyn the Regiment

You will detatch One hundred men of Otways and the like number of your Battalion and Gorhams Company of Rangers, which you will put under the Command of Major Morris with Orders to him, to land at Cape Sable, and to take or destroy the People of that part, who infest the Settlements at Lunenburg, and to clear that Country of that nest of Indians.

This detatchment will be full Sufficient to drive every thing before them, but it will not be amiss that some Assistance may be given from Anapolis, in Cutting the Enemies Retreat off, which you will order

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as you think right, and Capt. Sutherland (who I send directly to Lunenburg to take with him a number of Germans from this Island to settle at Lunenburg) may likewise, from that side, give some help towards exe:cuting the above Service, which you will direct as you think proper.

With the Corps remaining under your imme:diate Command, I would have you go to the River St Johns and march up the River to St Anns, securing Posts at the necessary places, and Effectually clearing the Country of the Indians, and all those people who make inroads on the Settlements of His Majesty's Subjects in Nova Scotia.

The higher up the River you can take post; and Cover a sufficient number of Men for securing all that Country during the Winter, the better, I am in hopes you will have prepared all the Lumber sufficient, of which I wrote to you some time since, and I shall send a Director and Eleven Carpenters to execute the necessary works that may be wanted. I have ordered for this Service two twelve Pounders, three light Six Pounders, two Eight Inch Mortars, four Royal Mortars, four Cohorns with the proportion of Ammunition, and three hundred Pick Axes, Three hundred Shovells and what other Tools may be wanted. Captain Lieut. Blomer with three Offi:cers and Sixty men of the Artillery, and Captain Holland

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and Lieut.t Bamford as Engineers for this Expedition.

Miramichi bay de Chaleur and Gaspe being destroy'd on the side of the Gulph of St Lawrence, the Indians of Cape Sable drove away and their Settlements demolish'd, and those of St Johns forced to fly, there will remain no Refuge on either side for them.

The Success of these Expeditions will effectually secure to His Majesty's Subjects of Nova Scotia a quiet Possession of their Settlements. As a number of Rangers you will have with your Corps will require an Officer used to that Service, I shall send Major Scott with them, and you will do well to add the light Infantry of both the Battalions to Act with that Corps.

When the Season of the Year will no longer permit you to Act, or to make any farther Impressions on the Enemy you will leave such Officers and Men as you shall Judge sufficient for defending the Posts you have taken, and to render it impracticable for the Enemy to regain any footing in that Country.

Three months provisions are put on board the different Transports for the Troops under your Command, and I have chosen all the small Vessells as the most usefull for the River St Johns.

You will take care that whatever number of men you may leave, to keep possession of that River and Country, are properly supplied with Provisions,

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and you will with the remainder, return to Halifax, or leave them in such places as you think best for his Majesty's Service.

I shall immediately go to Boston with five Battal^s of this Army, with an Intent to Joyn Genl Abercromby. You will take every occasion that may offer to report to me, or Major General Abercromby whatever may happen material on your Expedition

Given under my hand at Louisbourg this 24th day of August 1758

Honble Col: Monckton

a true Copy -

Jeff Amherst.

Endorsed. Orders to Col. Monckton | 24th August 1758 | in M. G: Amhersts of Aug^t | 28th 1758. | 3.

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Private Louisburg August ye 28. 1758

Dear Sir

As the last of the Regiments will be on board to day, and that I shall sail for Boston the first moment that offers I enclose you herewith, in Obedience to His Majestys orders, an Appointment as Governour of this Place.

My Intention is that every German Inhabi:tant of this Island (most of them are on board) should be sent to Lunenburg, those, the few, who don't like to go to be sent to France. The french In:habitants all to be sent to France, except such as you may like to continue in the Town of Louis:burg, some may be of service

I would have the Settlements in the different Parts of this Island absolutely destroyed, it may be done in a quiet way, but pray let them be en:tirely demolished, and for these Reasons, that in the flourishing State this Island was growing to, many years would not have passed, before the Inhabitants would have been sufficient to have defended it. if it is to be given up, the Destruction of the Settlements at this time will insure His Ma:jestys Subjects in Nova Scotia from any danger of the Inhabitants of this Island for some Years to come, as it must be the work of many years for the

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french to bring it into its present State. if they are not destroyed, they will reestablish it easily and may be too powerfull. this is on a supposition that this Island may be given up: but if we are to keep possession of it, the present Inhabitants are not to be trusted by us in their Settlements, the produce of the Settlements are not so necessary to an English Garrison, as to a French, we can very well live with:out it, and a french Garrison would starve for want of it.

The above reasons have fixed me in this Determination, which you will be so good to have executed, and as I do it for the best, I hope it will meet with approbation in England.

When Colonel Rollo returns from his Expe:dition, the Men of Gorhams Company and of Starks's Company must be sent on the first occasion to Halifax, or the Bay of Fundy as opportunity may offer, to Joyn their respective Companys, Gorehams at Cape Sable, Starks's at the River St Johns Gorehams are to change twenty six Firelocks at the Artil:lery Stores.

The Hospital when cleared to be sent to Halifax and from thence to the continent tak:ing all the Men that will be able to serve.

I most Heartily wish you a Continuance

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of your Health and that Success may attend you in your Government. I am with the greatest Truth and Regard &c

Brigadier General Whitmore

a true Copy
Jeff Amherst

Endorsed. Copy to Br General | Whitmore Governour | of Louisburg | 28th August | 1758 | in M: G: Amherst's of Augt | 28t 1758. | 4.

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Orders to Brig^r General Whitmore

In Obedience to His Majesty's Orders to me I do hereby appoint you to be Governour of Louisbourg, the Islands of Cape Breton, and St Johns and all the de:pendances thereunto belonging

As this Government is one of the most im:portant Trusts to be given to any Officer in this country, I beleive His Majesty has fix'd on you for it, and I have orderd the Regiments of Whitmores Braggs Hopsons and Warburtons to remain here under your Command, and I have named these four Regiments as a Strong and Sufficient Garrison for this place, I shall add to it a Company of Rangers which will be of use in patroling con:stantly in the adjacent parts, and for taking up any People that may be Stragling or lay hid in the more distant Parts of the Island

For the better Security of the Town and to render the Approach of the place as impracticable as I can, I have orderd all the french Inhabitants settled in different places on the Island to be trans:ported to France and the Germans to be sent to Lunenburg in Nova Scotia, the houses and Settle:ments of these people being destroy'd it will render it allmost impossible for even the Savages to advance

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to this Part of the Island.

Enclosed is a Report of the Condition of the works and the Method of repairing them, which I have approved of, it is about and it will be ne:cessary to compleat the same as fast as possible in order to be secure against any Attack of the Enemy.

I have ordered Col. Williamson to mount such Guns as shall be proper for the defence of the place and to leave a Company of Artillery, and a Sufficient quantity of Ammunition and Stores for this Service.

Col. Bastide having represented to me that his health will not let him stay here, Major McKellar is to remain and direct so long as the Season will permit any work to be carried on, after which he is to go to Halifax, and Capt Dixon, Lt Spry Lt Dunford and Lt Montresor, Engineers are to remain here.

As it may be necessary on many Occasions for the good discipline and Government of His Majesty's Troops (on which the defence of this Place may greatly depend) that General Courts Martial should be held, I do in pursuance of the Power given to me Author:ize you to Assemble such General Courts Martial and to cause the Sentences to be put in Execution as you in your judgement shall think right, and ac:cording to the power and Authority granted to me, of which you have herewith a Copy

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That the Troops under your Command may regularly receive their Pay, I do hereby Authorise you to cause exact musters to be taken of the same and to sign Warrants for their Pay to Mr Porter or the deputy pay master General, and as provision is made for contingent Charges that may arise, you are hereby empowered for His Majesty's Service, to direct the pay:ment of such Sums as shall be wanted in Carry:ing on the Repairs of the works and Buildings of this Town, and any other Sums as you in your Judgement shall think absolutely necessary for other services requisite to the ease, regularity, and defence of this Place, and for Keeping possession of this Island, St Johns, and all the Dependency's thereunto belonging.

You will send constant and particular Ac:counts on every Opportunity that may offer to Mr Pitt or His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State of the Condition of this Place, the State of the Troops and of every thing that may happen on the Island so Material as, that His Majesty's Ministers should be acquainted of it.

You will send monthly Returns to His Majesty's Secretary of War, and to Major Genl Abercromby, or the Officer Commanding in Chief His Majestys Troops in America

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Given under my hand at Louisbourg this 28th Augt. 1758.

a true Copy
Jeff Amherst

Endorsed. Orders to B.r General | Whitmore, Governour | of Louisburg — | 28th August 1758 | in M: G: Amherst's of Augt. | 28th. 1758. | 5.

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Louisbourg August 24th 1758.

Sir

As you have acquainted me that your health will not permit you to remain the Winter here, and that you desire to go to England or if not to England, to Boston for the reestablishment of your health. I shoud be glad to answer your desire with all the leave you can wish, but I have it not in my power to give you leave to go to England, any more than I give it to my self

The Repairs of the works here being of very great Consequence, I can't but say I think your presence extreamly necessary, and I can't help de:siring that you will stay here as long as your health will let you, after which, you have my Leave for going to Boston, and you will order Major Mackellar to remain here so long as the weather and the Season of the Year will permit any work to be carried on, and then Major Mackellar may go to Halifax till farther Orders. Captain Dixon and the three other Engineers will continue here according to the disposition that was Settled I am Sir with great Truth

Your Most Humble

and Obedt. Servt.

Col. Bastide Chief Engineer

a true Copy! Jeff Amherst

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On board His Majestys Ship Captain
Louisburg Harbour August y^t 30th 1758 -

Sir

I have omitted acquainting you in my Letter of the 28th Inst. that I have left the same orders with Colonel Wilmot, as with Brigadier General Whitmore, which Colonel Wilmot is not to open but in case of Death happening to B^r. Whitmore.

I came on board the 28th at night the Wind blew hard all yesterday and we could not possibly get out of the Harbour, it was fair for Sir Charles Hardys going to the River St Lawrence.

I have cleared all Accounts and paid the extraordinarys during the Siege amounting to upwards of 1200 Pounds, some few things sent from Boston &^ca remaining unpaid.

Every thing found in the Town - that was not private property and intended for the Magazines for the use of the Garrison, I have put in stores for His Majesty's Service. I have given to the Troops the Shoes and Stockings found in the Stores, and an Hogshead of Wine to each Reg^t for the use of their sick.

As there was a quantity of Tobacco I have ordered that to be sold and as much is sold as brings 1,500 Pounds, the remainder will be sold and the money paid to the Deputy Paymaster for the Kings use,

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The Wind being fair this morning we are getting under Sail, the Convoy and Transports for Halifax and the bay of Fundy are likewise preparing to get out.

I am with the utmost Respect

Sir

Your most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
Jeff Amherst.

Rt Honble Mr Pitt.

Endorsed. On board the Captain, Louisburg | Harbour. Augt 30th 1758. | Majr Genl Amherst | Rx Septr 28th from Ireland.

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Camp of Marlborough Sept. 18th 1758.

Sir

My Voyages by Sea are far from being expeditious, when I did myself the Honour of writing to you last, which was on the 30th of August from the Harbour of Louisburg, I was in hopes of being at Boston sooner than I was, we sailed that day with a fair wind but in the evening it changed.

31st the wind was contrary, we could make but little way, we had 38 Transports.

1st Sept the wind continued contrary blew strong, we saw Canso, Transports all in sight, but straggling.

2d the Wind yet contrary, Transports dispersed a great deal, one hoisted a Signal of distress, it was something of the Mast broke which was ordered to be repaired, the weather altered and wind pretty fair.

3d we saw the Transports bound to Halifax.

4th I wrote to Governour Pownall and to Mr General Abercromby, sent Major Robertson Deputy Q. Master General in the Juno to Boston as one single ship would probably arrive sooner than the Fleet, to see if G Abercromby had sent me any orders, and to prepare every thing that I might not loose a moments time in disembarking, the Transports straggled and much through obstinacy of the Masters which may hinder greatly.

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5th the wind contrary, in the Afternoon it changed; at night it blew hard.

6th very foggy the whole day, could not see fifty yards, we fired fog Guns.

7th foggy, it cleared at noon, we saw but twenty five of our Fleet, the wind contrary.

8th the wind fair, saw the Land, we were off Cape Sable.

9th so many of the Transports astern that we could not make all the use of the fair wind that we wished for.

10th very foggy again, and continued so the whole day, at night heavy rain.

11th fine weather little wind, allmost calm, the Fleet a great way astern.

12th in the morning saw Cape Anne ahead, the wind fair, we got within 12 miles of Boston, Mr Robertson & Captain Abercromby came on board, brought me a Letter from the General of the 5th from Lake George, to repair with the Troops by Land to him.

13th the wind not fair but ten of the last Transports got in from Sea, one had run on some Rocks and was very leaky, but no one lost. I got to Boston in a boat.

14th all the Ships got up and the Regiments

landed and encamped on a common joining the Town; it was impossible to hinder the People giving the Soldiers Rum in much too great quantity.

15th I halted to settle every thing for the March.

16th I marched and encamped at Water:town, sent Capt: Abercromby with a Letter to General Abercromby.

17th I marched and encamped at Sudbury, and this day I marched and encamped at Marlborough, as this is, probably, the last oc:casion I shall have of sending to Boston before His Majesty's Ship the Captain sails, I write this, Sir, to inform you of all I know, and I enclose you a Copy of the Route I intend to take, unless I shall find any alter:ation necessary, on nearer examination: I march again to morrow at day break for Worcester; and then halt a day. I shall make all the expedition I can to Joyn General Aber:crombie, I carry bread and drive Cattle with the Troops, and I hope all will go on well. the Detachments of these five Batt:s that I ordered from Halifax, did not arrive at Boston before I marched, I have left or:ders for them. I have been obliged to leave

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236 sick that came out of the Transports at Boston, there are missing 3 of the Royal, 1 of Forbes's, 5 of Lascelles's, and 4 of Webbs, the conse:quence of Rum, and recruiting in this Country. I believe I have quite got the better of the Rum, and that we shall have no more bad Effects from that.

I am with the utmost Respect
Sir

Your most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
Jeff Amherst

Right Honorable Mr Pitt

Endorsed. Camp at Marlborough. | Sept 18th 1758 | Majr Gl Amherst | Rx Decr 16th

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A Route from Boston to Albany—

From	Boston	To Waterstown	11
	Watertown	to Sudbury	10
	Sudbury	to Marlborough	12
	Marlborough	to Worcester	15
	Worcester	to Spencer	11
	Spencer	to Brookfield	9
	Brookfield	to Palmer	15
	Palmer	to Springfield	15
	Springfield	to Suffield	10
	Suffield	to Simsbury	13
	Simsbury	to Harrington	9
	Harrington	to Litchfield	12
	Litchfield	to Goshan	10
	Goshan	to Canaan	12
	Canaan	to Salisbury	15
	Salisbury	to Huckatons nr. Claverick	9
	Huckatons	to Kenderick	14
	Kenderhook	to Albany	24
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This is the Route from the best intelligence I could get at Boston, it may be changed during the March on further enquiry.

Jeff Amherst | Major General.

Endorsed. Route from Boston | to Albany. | in M: G: Amherst's of | Septr 18th 1758.

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New York Oct: ye 13th 1758—

Sir

I am to acknowledge the receipt of a Letter from you dated on the 10th of June, which I had the favour of receiving on the 24th of Septemr: at Springfield, and I had the pleasure of communicat:ing to the Troops the Success of His Majesty's Forces, under the command of Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, as likewise of those comanded by the Duke of Marlborough.

The last letter I did myself the Honour of writing to you was on the 18th Sept from Marl:borough, at which time, I sent you the Route I then thought to take, which I afterwards changed, and gained some time by it.

on the 19th I marched and encamped at Worcester, sent Major Robertson forward to Springfield, to get information of the Roads, and to prepare boats for the passage of the Connecticut River.

20th The Troops halted.

21st I marched at daybreak and encamped at Brookfield.

22d I marched out and encamped at Western, had very rainy bad weather.

23d it continued raining, I marched and encamped at Palmer, as we had a River to pass and no bridge, it fell out luckily to have this day the rainy day.

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24th. I marched and encamped at Springfield.

25th I passed the Connecticut River, and encamped a Mile on the other side, I changed the Route, and resolved to go through the green woods and sent forward Pioneers.

26th I marched and encamped at Westfield.

27th I marched and encamped at Blandford.

28th I entered the green woods, marched about ten miles, the Troops lay on their Arms this night.

29th I marched about nine miles through the green wood, arrived at No. 1 and encamped there.

30th I marched and encamped at Sheffield

1st of October. I halted.

2d I marched about fourteen miles, very rainy, stormy, bad weather, made great fires, and pitched but few tents. I received a Letter from the General Abercromby to come to him as soon as I could conveniently leave the Troops.

3d I marched and the Troops encamped at Kenderhook Mills. I went on to Albany, leaving the Troops under the Command of Colonel Burton, with a route and orders to march them accordingly.

4th I went from Albany to Stillwater, where I received the Generals orders, for the Troops to halt at Albany 'till further orders, I went on to Saratoga, and the 5th I got to Lake George, I remained

the next day with General Abercromby, and the 7th I sat out for Halifax, got to Albany on the 9th, and arrived at New York late last night.

The Operations of the Campaign here being in appearance over, I shall set out to morrow morning and make what expedition I can to Halifax, where I shall remain according to my Instructions, taking Boston in my way, that I may fix with Governour Pownall, for being supplyed with the Quarters that may be wanted there, in case, that Amhersts & Anstruthers Regts should not be ordered to England, as likewise for any overplus of Artillery that cannot be properly housed at Halifax, on which I have before spoke to Governour Pownall, and now received General Abercromby's orders to that purpose

I am with the greatest Respect

Sir

Your most Humble

and most obedient Servant

Jeff: Amherst

Rt Honble Mr Pitt

Endorsed New York. Oct. 13th 1758. | Majr Genl Amherst. |

Rx Jany 19th

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Namur 1st November 1758.

Sir

I have the honour to acquaint you, that in the latter end of August, I received General Amherst's orders to take the command of three Battalions, and to proceed with the Squadron under Sir Charles Hardy into the Gulph of St Laurence; the General's instructions directed me to destroy the settlements at Gaspé, Baye des Chaleurs, & Miramichi, and to go as far up the River St Laurence, as the Season of the year wou'd permit. The Squadron sail'd from Louisbourg the 28th August, and anchored in the Bay of Gaspé the 5th September; the Inhabitants (few in number) abandoned their houses, some got into Canada, some came in afterwards & submitted, and others were surpris'd & taken in the Woods by our detachments: by the 11th this scatter'd settlement was entirely destroyed; among the Prisoners we found Pilots for Miramichi, and for the fishing boats towards the Baye des Chaleurs — I order'd Colonel Murray to take the command of about eight hundred men to attack the establishment at Miramichi, concluding that Boisubert and his Canadians, wou'd be there to assist the Indians & Acadians in their defence. A Detachment was sent at the same time under Captain Erwin of Amherst's Regiment, to destroy the

fishing settlements at Pas-beau and la grande Riviere, and Sir Charles Hardy orderd some of the Boats of his Squadron to Mal-baye, and other places west of Gaspée to ruin the fishery there. Colonel Murray's report is enclosed for your information concerning the Bay, River, & settlement of Miramichi. Captain Erwin, with his detachment, some Marines, & some Sea-men landed at la grande Riviere, Pas-beau, baye sauvage, and upon the Island Bona: venture, and burn't all the Houses, Shallops, Stages, Magazines & Stores of those settlements to a considerable value, with a quantity of dried fish, & two Sloops laden with that Commodity for Quebec, but Captain Jacobs who commanded the Kennington, sent by Sr. Charles Hardy to countenance and assist Mr. Erwin, did not think it safe to remain upon the Coast, so that Capt. Erwin was obliged to leave most of the inhabitants in the Woods contrary to my instructions, and to the directions I had received from General Amherst.

When these detachments were made, I advisd with Sr. Charles Hardy, as to what might be done in the River St. Lawrence to distress, or alarm the Enemy, and cause some diversion in favour of General Abercromby, but the Rear Admiral did not think it proper at that Season to carry the Squadron as high as the Isle Bic. However, I determin'd to destroy the settlement at Mont-Louis thirty

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two leagues from Gaspé and the onely inhabited place be:
:tween that Bay & St Barnabé; I had learn't that there
was a considerable store of dry Fish ready for Quebec, &
imagin'd there might possibly be some good Pilots for the
River.

The 13th, Major Dalling was detached with 100 men
to surprise Mont-Louis, & bring off the inhabitants; he
marched five days along the Coast, and surrounded the
place in the night, so that none cou'd escape; the Major
burn't a schooner upon the stocks, all their Fish, and
totally destroyed the fishery; he brought away six pieces
of small Cannon, & a Sloop with provisions from Quebec,
which came into the River of Mont-Louis, after the de:
:tachment got there; this Sloop was to unload, & then
proceed to Gaspé for intelligence, with orders to cruise
there till the 15th October.

The Passengers & People informed us, that they
left the French fleet getting under sail the 17th Septem:
:ber twenty five leagues, below Quebec, and that the
Squadron consisted of six sail of the Line, two Frigates, two
Privateers, and four Merchant Ships, that they were to
pass through the streights of Belle-isle in their way
to Europe. These Prisoners assured us, that there was
great scarcity of provisions and great distress at
Quebec: that (altho' the Magazines for the Army were
full, and the best harvest of many years) Bread

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sold at near a shilling a pound; that both the Troops & Inhabitants had been reduced in the Winter to eat horse-flesh, and that the Colony must be ruin'd, unless very early, & very powerfull assistance was given.

Major Dalling returned to Gaspé the 23d; and Sir Charles Hardy (who had been cruising for some time, between Gaspé & Anticosti, endeavouring to get within the Mouth of the River St Lawrence) came to an anchor in the Bay, the 24th. As there was no further service for the Troops, they embarked; the Squadron sail'd the 27th and arived at Louisbourg the 29th. Am:herst's, & Anstruther's Regiments were sent directly to Halifax, & Bragg's remain'd at Louisbourg.

As we found no Enemy in a condition to oppose us, we cou'd add nothing to the reputation of his Majesty's Arms. Their Fishery in the Gulph of St Lawrence, a material article of subsistance to the Canadians, is, in a great measure ruin'd, a few Shallops onely got up to Quebec with fish before our arrival at Gaspé. Two arm'd Sloops, and four whale Boats will make it impossible to catch a quintal of Cod as long as the War lasts.

All their Houses, Stages, Magazines, Shallops, Nets, Stores, & Provisions are burnt, one hundred & forty of the Inhabitants brought off, and the rest of

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these miserable People, will in all probability be forced to abandon their settlements, and retire to Quebec.

Among the Prisoners, there are some who are very well acquainted with the River St Lawrence their names have been given to Mr Durelle.

From Pas-beau round the Bay des Chaleurs, to Caraquet, there are no french Inhabitants; from Caraquet to Mirimichi, there may be about forty who either fish, or trafick with the Indians for Furr.

Upon the Magdalen Islands, there are from thirty to forty People imployed in catching Sea-Cows.

In time of Peace, a number of Ships from St Maloes and Ports, are sent every year to fish upon the Coast of Gaspée.

Forty sail of Ships are expected in the River St Lawrence, with provisions, Stores &c early in the Summer.

I have the honour to be
with the utmost Respect
Sir | Your most Obedient
and most Humble Servant
Jam: Wolfe

Endorsed. Namur Nov.r 1st 1758 | Brigad.r Gen.l Wolfe | R. 2d

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Louisbourg 24th September 1758.

Sir.

I have the Honor to acquaint you that all the Fleet (except the small Sloop which parted from Us at Sea and did not join Us till we were on our return to Louisbourg,) made Miramichi Bay the 15th instant, and came to an Anchor in an open Road, Seven Leagues from the Settlement and three from the Barr, exposed 16 Points of the Compass; Capt. Vaughan expressed much Uneasiness at the Situation of the Ships, but as the Weather was moderate and promised to continue so some time, he eagerly embraced the Opportunity and agreed with me, that we should immediately with the Artillery Sloop and the Boats of the Fleet proceed up the River and attack the Settlement, representing to me the necessity of returning quickly, as the Ships in the Situation they were in, without Boats or Men, could not possibly escape being lost, should the Gales of Wind blow, which are naturally to be expected at this Season of the Year; As we had this morning chased a Privateer into the River which in Company with a Sloop we saw fire several Guns, I mounted the two Six Pounders in our Sloop and contrived to embark Three Hundred Men in her and the Boats, there is but Six Feet Water on the Barr at low

Water, we were therefore obliged to wait a little this side of it till the Tide rose by which means it was dark before we could get over it, we struck upon it but got safe within Muskett Shott of the Settlement about 12 at Night, Joseph the Indian be:ing our Pilot, we landed & found all the Inhabit:ants, (except the King's Surgeon & Family) had de:serted it, this man told me, that the Inhabitants consist of the neutral French who fled from Nova Scotia, that they expected no Quarter from Us and had therefore run away, that le Pere Bonavanture was with them, their Number about Forty, that there are several Habitations dispersed all over the Bay, for many Leagues both above and below where we were, that many Indians inhabit the Bay, but chiefly about where we were & below, that they lived sometimes in one place sometimes in another, having no fixed resi:dence till the Winter; that on the other side the Bay there was a Settlement of about Thirty Family's Three Leagues from Us, to destroy which I immediately de:tached a Party, that Ten Leagues up the River there was another Settlement very considerable of neutrals and some Family's who had fled from the Island of St John's since the taking of Louisbourg, that the whole were in a starving Condition, had sent away most part of their Effects to Canada, and were all to follow

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immediately as they every Hour expected the Eng:
lish, & besides could not subsist, since they could not now be supported by Sea as they formerly were before Louisbourg was taken, that the In:
ducement for settling in that River was the Furr Trade, which is very considerable, no less than Six Vessels having been loaded there with that Commodity this Summer, that Monsr Boisbert com:
:mands the whole as well as the Settlement on St. John's River, that he is at present with his Company at Fort George, against which he is to act in Conjunction with a Detachment from Mont:
calm's Army & is no more to return to Miramichi, which is abandoned for the reasons already given, that the two Vessels we had seen, were, one a Privatier mounting Six Carriage Guns, the other a Sloop which had an Officer and Twenty five Men on board for Canada, they had escaped from Cape Britain, but being chased by one of our Frigates off Gaspée, I suppose the Kennington, were now to make the best of their way inland to Canada, there being a Communication from the head of Miramichi River to Quebeck by Rivers & Lakes a few Port:
:ages excepted. He added that the Passage up the River to the Settlement Ten League's up, was very narrow but water enough for the Sloop; As

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the Weather was still fair & promising, I imme:
:diately, upon this Consideration, wrote to Capt.
Vaughan for some Guns to mount upon the Sloop
(as I found our Six Pound Field Pieces would not
work in her) and some more Provisions, that I
might proceed up the River to destroy every thing
in it, but he sent me the enclosed Letters one
after the other, I likewise took care to have Capt.
Bickerton consulted about the Situation of the Fleet,
who declared he could not Sleep while it continued
where it was; I therefore in the Evening of the 17th.
in Obedience to your Instructions embarked the Troops,
having two Days hunted all around Us for the
Indians and Acadians to no purpose, we however
destroyed their Provisions, Wigwams and Houses, the
Church which was a very handsome one built with
Stone, did not escape, we took Numbers of Cattle,
Hogs and Sheep, & three Hogsheads of Beaver Skins,
and I am perswaded there is not now a French
Man in the River Miramichi, and it will be our
fault if they are ever allowed to settle there again,
as it will always be in the Power of two or three
Armed Vessels capable of going over the Barr, to
render them miserable should they attempt it.
I thought it was a pity that the two Vessels
I have mentioned should escape Us, and therefore

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proposed to the Sea Commanders to go up with the Sloop manned with Soldiers to attack her and desired some Six Pounders, but they declared she was not in a Condition to carry any, and was otherwise very improper for such an Enterprize; If this could have been done the Fleet might have proceeded to Sea, out of the Danger it was exposed to, by lying in the open Road. We are now return'd to Louisbourg in the same Situation we left you at Gaspée;

I am &c.

Ja: Murray.

To,

Brigadier Genl. Wolfe.

a true Copy

Jam: Wolfe

Endorsed Copy of Colonel Murray's | Report. | in Brig. Genl. Wolfe's of | Nov: 1st 1758.

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Juno, 16th. September 1758.

Sir,

The reasons I have already given You, will, I imagine, induce you to lay aside the Expedition you mentioned. I have already acquainted you with the Hazard attending the Shipping in this open Place, to which I must add, the Transports in particular, their Boats and Crews absent. I shall send an additional Boat to assist in bringing the Troops on board, and shall hope to see You to-morrow, I am &c.

Jno Vaughan.

To,

The Honble. Coll: Murray

a true Copy

Jam: Wolfe

Endorsed. Copy of | Capt. Vaughan's letter | in Brig. Gen. Wolfes of | Nov. 1st 1758.

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Sir

Major General Amherst sailed from this Place for Boston Augt. 30th, and having left Me to Command Here I have the Honour to lay before You Such Occurrences as have happened

Our Shott and Shells during the Siege had so pierced and Destroyed all the Houses that not One was left Habitable, and the Barracks were all Burnt to the Ground, so that our first Care was to provide Materials for Repairing the Town in Such Manner as to Lodge the Troops before the Winter Setts in for the Purpose General Amherst before his Departure purchased and Contracted for a Considerable Quantity of Boards Shingles &c.: Such part of the Defences too, as our Cannonading had beat down, were, (under the Direction of the Engineers) Repaired.

The Severity of the Winters Here Renders Fewell a most Essential Article towards the Support of the Garrison, I therefore as quickly as Possible hired proper Vessells and Sent Them to the Coal Mines about Ten Leagues Distance from Hence, and to the places where the French had Firewood cutt, and they have been Employed with the greatest Dilligence in that Service, and I shall continue them in it as long as the Season will Admitt

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being Apprehensive that Notwithstanding our utmost Dilligence We shall fall short in that Article - Partys of Men were Necessary to be Sent on these Services, which being Extra Duty, very Fatigueing, and Ex: pensive, I have Allowed the Officers Some three, some four, and some five Shillings a Day - I find it Necessary to Continue a Party of one hundred and Thirty Men at the Colliery all Winter to Cover the Miners, and to Work Themselves in Digging of Coals, for the next year, and for their better Security in case of any Attempt of the Indians; I have directed a Blockhouse to be Built.

Generall Amherst was hardly gone before I found that a much larger quantity of Materials for Repairs were Necessary, than He had time to provide; He had given the Direction of the Company of Carpenters who were Raised in New England for this Expedition by Colonel Meserve on his Death to Colonel Gridley, and also Appointed Him to Survey and Direct all the Repairs; He was Chief Engineer when the New England Men took this Place in the last War, is a Cappable Man, and very Conversant in such Matters: with his Assistance, I purchased what Things were further Necessary, which could be gott here; and what could not I ordered to be Sent from Boston.

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That the Business of the Garrison may be carryed on properly, I have untill his Majesty's Pleasure be further known, with the Approbation of General Amherst, appointed Capt. Christopher French Town Major, Willm Neal Town Adjutant, William Buttar Secretary & Naval Officer, John Foxon Judge Advocate, Frederick Albert Strasburger Captain of the Port & William Russell Barrack Master, being all Men who are fitt for their Several Employments, and who I take the Liberty of Reccomending to be continued in Them

I have taken every Step in my Power to Render the Expences of Repairing the Buildings, and Settling the Garrison as Small as possible, and that a due Account thereof may be keeped, as well as to prevent Frauds I have Appointed Capt Lieut. John Campbell Treasurer, and have Instructed Him that He is to pay no Money to any Person without a certificate from the Officer of the Department for which the Demand is made that the Things charged, are Received, and of which together with the Price I my Self have Approved, and a Receipt from the Proprietor, that he has Received the Money; All Labourers, and Workmen, he is to pay by Lists made out, and certifyed by the Officers of the Department in which They are

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Employed, and of which I also have Approved, and the Money paid to the Men Themselves, and They to Sign the Receipt which must be Witnessed by two Creditable Persons (if possible Officers in the Department in which They are Employed) and the Same Rules to be Observed in all Other Circum:stances where Money is to be Issued; We have hi:thertoo been Supplyed by my Warrants on Robert Porter Esqr deputy pay Master

Care has been taken by Admiral Bos:cawen to Ship off all the French Inhabitents of this Island and St Johns of which He will I doubt not Impart a particular Account, so that I need not Trouble you with a Detail thereof.

I have Wrote to my Lord Barrington Sec:retary of War to whom I have Sent Returns of the Troops left under my Command.

I hope by the first Oppertunity to have his Majesty's Pleasure Signifyed to Me as to the Establishment of the Place, and also Instructions for my Conduct in every Particular

I am with great Respect | Sir

Your most Obedient | and most humble Servt

Louisbourg Septr 30th 1758 Edwd Whitmore.

The Right Honble William Pitt Esqr Secrty of State

Endorsed. Louisbourg Sept. 30/1758 | B. Genl Whitmore | Rx Nov. 2d

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Sir

I had the Honour of Writing to You ō the 30th September last, by Admiral Boscawen which I hope before this time is come to Your Hands. I have however with this sent a Copy thereof to which I beg Leave to Reffer and have now little further to trouble You with but to Conform it's Contents.

The Houses were all Destroyed to a Degree hardly Credible, and all of Them, as well as every Part of the Town, in Such a Condition of Filth, and Nastiness, that the Labour of Repairing and cleaning has been very great. I keep'd the Troops Encamp'd on the Glacis of the Town while the Quarters were Repairing and cleaning as long as possible, But the bad Weather Setting in, I was Obliged to Break up the Camp before it was finished; However the Garrison is tollerably Healthy, Considdering the Nasty Condition the Place was in.

I have done all in my Power to make a proper Provission of Coals, and Firewood for the Approaching Winter, by keeping Partys at the Colliery, Miners constantly Digging, and Vessells bringing the Coals away, as fast as They were Ready; and also all the Wood that could be

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gott together, wherever the French had any Cutt; But notwithstanding I am Still Apprehensive be:fore the Winter is Over We shall be deficient. — This Supply will ever Require Here a very particu:lar Attention, and ten or a dozen of Sloops about a hundred tons Each must be Constantly Employed during the Summer Season in bringing Wood and Coals; Larger Vessells cannot be Employed, there not being Water Enough for them to go to the Wharff, at the Colliery, to be Loaded: and besides the Party of Men at the Colliery, and the Miners Employed in it, there must also be partys Sent Early in the Spring to cutt and prepare Wood.

Col. Bastide and Major Mackellar are gone from Hence to the Continent Every Thing which the Engineers can do this Season, before the Winter Setts in, being finished, besides keeping the Works in Repair, and hindering any Damage which Stormy Weather or the Frost may Occassion from going any Length for which purpose Capt. Dixon Remains chief Engineer here.

There is a Cartel Ship by Admiral Durells Direction now taking on board Such of the French Inhabitents as were left Sick, and are now in a Condition to Embark being 120 There Yet Remains in the general Hospital of Men, Women, and Children

177 and Invalids in the Town 80 who will be Em:
:barkd as Soon as possible after their Recovery.

There are about two thousand two Hundred of the Inhabitents of St Johns Island, already Em:
:barked, But my Lord Rollo who was Sent there with a Detachment of 500 Men to See Them all Embarked writes Me that much against his Incli:
:nation He is Obliged to leave the Inhabitents of a whole Parish behind – They Live at a distant part of the Island, about a hundred Miles by Land which is Impracticable for Them to March And the Agent for the Transports (one Capt Hay) told my Lord Rollo and Capt Bond of his Majesty's Ship Hinde He would not Allow the Transports to be Sent for Them, and would protest against it if They were: Admiral Durel has sent further Orders since this Advice and I hope They will be Embarked The De:
:tachment on this Service are very Healthy, having lost but One Man. Lord Rollo Reports the Island to be a Rich Soil, a fine Country and well Worth being Set:
:tled for which Reason He has not Des:
:troyed the Houses; When the French are Embarked He is to Leave 190 Men in Garrison and Return with the Rest of the Detachment.

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I have the Honour to be with due Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient
and most Humble
Servant
Edwd. Whitmore

Louisbourg Novr. 6th 1758

The Right Honoble William Pitt Esqr.

Endorsed. Louisburg. Novr. 6th. 1758. | Govr. Whitmore | Rx Decr. 16th.

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New York December ye 18th 1758 –

Sir

On my arrival the 12th Instant at this Place, I had the Pleasure of receiving from Mr General Abercromby, the enclosed Letter from Br General Forbes giving an Account of the Enemy having burned and abandoned Fort Duquesne, and his taking Possession of it.

The last Letter I did myself the Honour of writing to you, was on the 13th of Oct: from New York, when I gave you an Account of my Intentions of setting out for Halifax the next day, where I arrived on the 7th of Novr and on the 9th received by an Express from this Place a Duplicate of two Commissions bearing date the 16th & 17th of September appointing me to be Commander in Chief of all the Forces to be employed in No America, with duplicates of Instructions to me of the 18th of the same month and your Letter of the Same date, with Copys of a Circular Letter to all the Governors, of a Warrant for Settling the Rank of Provincial Officers, of a Letter to the Commander in Chief of the Kings Ships, of a Letter to the Governour of Louisburg and a warrant for appointing Court martial &ca

With the above I had likewise the Satisfaction

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of receiving a duplicate of Your Letter of the 9th Sept. acquainting me with the Kings Approbation of my Conduct which makes me very happy, and as no one can be more sensible than I am of the great Honour His Majesty has been most graciously pleased to confer on me in the Command of the Troops in America, I beg leave to assure you, Sir, no one can be more desirous than I am to execute the King's orders in Such a Manner, as that I may prove myself deserving of this very great trust, and I will do it to the best of my Abilities and Capacity.

Admiral Durell was daily expected at Halifax with the Fleet when I got there, so I thought it proper to wait his Arrival, and fix some necessary things at that place. the Admiral arrived the 18th and the 19th His Majestys Sloop Porcupine came into the Harbour with Lieut Col Amherst who delivered me the Originals of the duplicates I have before mentioned.

On the 20th I went on board, and by contrary winds did not reach Boston 'till the 3d of December. I found the Regiments so settled at Halifax that I thought it better not to make any Alteration by sending some to Boston

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where the Artillery only is quartered. Br Genl Monckton, I hear, sailed from St Johns the 21st after having finished the Fort, and sent upwards of fourscore Neutrals to Halifax which he had taken Prisoners.

I enclose Copys of the Letters I have wrote to the different Governours, as likewise to Sr Wm Johnson and Mr Atkins, and I send you a List of the Quarters of the Army.

I have waited for Major Halket from the 12th to this day expecting him hourly, and as I have as yet no intelligence of him, I think it right not to wait any longer, but to dispatch the Packet boat with Br General Forbes's Letter as I look on it as an Event of great Import=ance, and Major Halket May take the opportu=nity of going with the further Particulars in the Kennington Man of War which is expected here every day from Halifax for M General Abercromby. I am with the utmost Respect

Sir

Your most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
Jeff: Amherst.

Right Honble Mr Pitt.

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Fort Duquesne now Pittsbourg 26th Novemr. 1758

Sir

I have the pleasure of acquainting you with the signall success of His Majesties Arms over all His Enemies on the Ohio, by having obliged them to burn, and abandon their Fort Duquesne, which they ef=fectuated upon the 24th Inst., and of which I took possession with my light troops the same Evening, and with my little Army the next day - The Enemy having made their escape down the River, part in Boats, and part by land to their Forts and settlements upon the Mississippi, being abandoned, or at least not seconded by their friends the Indians, whom we had previously engaged to act a neutrall part, after thoroughly convincing them in severall Skirmishes, that all their attempts upon our advanced posts, in order to cut off our Communication, were vain, and to no purpose, so they now seem all willing, and well disposed to Embrace His Majesties most Gracious protection.

Give me leave therefore to congratulate you upon this important Event, of having ex=pelled the French from Fort Duquesne, and this prodigious tract of fine rich Country, and of having in a Manner reconciled the various

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tribes, and Nations of Indians inhabiting it, to His Majesties Government.

You may remember Sir that I applyed to you for your orders, and instructions, how I was to behave myself in case I was so fortunate as to bring this affair to a happy crissis, acquainting you at the same Time, that I had wrote to the different Governours concerned, beging of them their advice, and councill, but never had an answer to any of my repeated applications from any one person being left intirely to act upon my own weak foundation, I must now therefore beg, that as soon as possible, I may have your directions with regard to what strength I am to leave here for the protection of the Country, and for whom I must build a Blockhouse to cover them from the severity of the Season.

The Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina Troops, may all disband tomorrow, as their provinces will pay them no longer, how=ever I have used the freedom to detain 250 of them here, which indeed is more than I think I can possibly maintain (sic) during the Winter, con=sidering 400 miles of land carriage thro an im=mense Wilderness, and the worst roads in the world.

So far I had wrote you the 26th, but being

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seized with an inflamation in my stomach, Mid=
=riff and Liver, the sharpest and most severe of all distempers, I could proceed no farther, and as I have a thousand things to say, have or=
=dered Major Halkett down the Country in order to explain the motives upon which I proceeded, and the various, and almost insurmountable dif=
=ficulties I had to grapple with.

I have ordered him to proceed directly for England, which I hope you will approve of, and forthwith order a Packett to sail with him, as I cannot put pen to paper myself, and as he is the only person with me, in whom I could place the smallest confidence, or from whom I have met with the smallest assistance, Col. Bouquet alone excepted.

I shall leave this as soon as I am able to stand; but God knows when or if ever I reach Philadelphia.

I expect the heads of all the Indians in here tomorrow, when I hope very soon to finish with them what I have laboured hard at these 6 months, and which tho in the end has turned out as I foresaw it would, yet I had so many different Interests to reconcile, that I almost des:
:paired of Success.

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Our men has neither Tents, cloaths, shoes, or stockings, and provisions only from day, to day, so you may believe it is high time for me to Seperate. I am D^r. Sir

With great regard and esteem

Y^r. Most obed^t. &

Most hum^ble. Servt.

Jo: fforbes

30th November

Endorsed Brigadier General Forbes's / Letter of the 26th & 30th / Novr. 1758. / in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 18th. / 1758 /

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New York, December 13th: 1758 ~

Sir/

The King having been pleased to appoint me Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North America; and having at the same Time sig=nified to me His Royal Pleasure, that I shou'd correspond with, and apply to all His Governors on the Continent, for their aid and Assistance, in carry=ing on the Services pointed out to me, I am, in Obedience to those Commands to acquaint You, that altho' I have not as yet any Particular Orders, re=lative to the Operations of the ensuing Campaign, I imagine they will require the same Number of Provincial Troops, that were voted by the respective Provinces and Colonies this Year; and it will likewise be necessary in Order to carry those Operations the more effectually into Execution, that those Troops shou'd be at the Place of Rendezvous as early in the Spring as possible; I wou'd therefore recommend it to You, if the Troops raised by Your Province Colony/ for the Service of last Campaign, are not already disbanded, that You wou'd move your Assembly to con=tinue them in their Pay during the Winter, which will not only be a great Saving in Point of Time, but, by what I can understand, a great saving of Expence to the Province; Colony/ Wherefore I shou'd hope,

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you will the more easily succeed in Your Applica=
=tion. But if it should so happen, that before the Receipt of this Letter, those Troops had already been disbanded, in that Case I must desire that You will lose no Time in using Your Influence with Your Assembly to move them to order new Levies, and to cause these to be provided with the usual Necessaries, and to be ready by the Time the Season will admit their taking the Field. ~

Having also received His Majesty's Orders to recruit and compleat the Regiments now serving on the Continent, I am likewise to begg Your Countenance & Protection to the Officers I shall have Occasion to send, as well as to those that have already been sent by my Predecessor on that Service, and that you will be aiding and assisting unto them in the Execution thereof. ~

I am &ca.

A true Copy Jeff Amherst

Circular to the Governors of
New York — Massachusets Bay
New Jerseys — New Hampshire
Connecticut — Pensylvania
Rhode Island — Maryland, and
Virginia. ~

Endorsed Copy./Circular Letter from Major Gen./Amherst to the Gover=
=nors of/New York Massachusets Bay/ New Jerseys New Hampshire/. Connecticut Pensylvania/ Rhode Island Maryland, and/ Virginia. ~/ December 13th 1758./ in M: G: Amherst's of Decr: 18th:/ 1758/ 3

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New York, December 13th 1758.

Sir,

The King having been pleased to honor me with the Chief Command of all His Forces in North America; and having directed me to keep up a Correspondence with you, as Sole Agent & Superintendent of the Northern Indians, and to Assist you in endeavouring to engage the said Indians to take Part and act with the King's Forces in all such Operations as I shall judge most expedient; I am, in Obedience to those Commands, to acquaint You with my Arrival here, and to signify to You, that as it is my Intentions, to begin the Operations of the ensuing Campaign, as early in the next Spring as the Season will admitt of; and that it will be greatly for His Majesty's Service, to engage as many as You can of the Indians within Your Department, to take Part in those Operations, and act with His Majesty's Forces, I am to recommend to You to use all Your Weight and Influence to engage as many of them, as possible, for those Purposes, and to desire that You will report to Me, so soon as conveniently You can, the Number You think

To Mr. Atkin leave out the Word Sole, & instead of Northern say Southern Indians.-

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You shall be able to engage; adding thereto such further Informations and Intelligences as You shall think requisite & necessary to enable me to give You the Assistance I am directed. –

I am, &ca ~

To

Sir William Johnson, Colonel, Sole Agent & Super=intendant of the Northern & Edmond Atkin Esqr. Agent, & Superintendent of the Southern Indians.

a True Copy Jeff Amherst

Endorsed Copy / A Letter from M. G. Amherst to / Sr. Wm. Johnson & Mr. Atkin, Agents / of Indian Affairs. ~ / Decemr. 13th 1758. / in M: G. Amherst's of Decr. 18th 1758 / 4

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List of the Quarters of the Troops in North America

Whitmore Bragg Hopson Warburton 1st Comp.y of Rangers	in Garrison .. at Louisbourg
Amherst Anstruther Monckton's Batt: Lawrence's Batt.n 2 Comp.y of Rangers	in Garrison .. at Hallifax &c.

Detachment of 300 men from Lawrence's Batt: & 1 Company of Rangers . . . . at Lunenburgh

Otway . . . 5 Companies . . . . at Annapolis
3 do. & 1 of Rangers at the new Fort, at St. Jno's River
2 do. ———— at Pesiquid.

Kennedy & 1 Comp.y of Rangers at Fort Cumberland

Webb ———— in Cantonm.ts at Connecticut

Ld. Jn.o Murray ———— at New York.

Abercromby ———— at Long Island

Lascelles ———— East Jersey

Blakeney ———— West Jersey

Forbes ———— at Philadelphia

Montgomery ———— at Lancaster

Royal 9 Companies ———— at Albany
1 do. ———— at Stillwater

Stanwix's Batt: 5 Companies ———— at Albany
1 d^o. ———— at Fort Miller
4 d^o. ———— with B^r. Forbes.

L^t. Genl. Murray ———— at Schenectady

Prevost's Batt^n. & 6 Comp^s. of Rangers at Fort Edward

Fraser 7 Companies ———— at Schenectady
4 d^o. & 1 of Rangers ———— at Fort Stanwix
2 d^o. ———— at Fort Herkemar

Gage ———— at Esopus

4 New York Independent Companies 2 ———— at Fort Hendrick, or Canejohary
1 ———— at Fort Hunter
1 ———— at Half Moon

Late L^d. Howe's ———— Cantooned on the Hudson's River, below Albany, except a detachment of 100 Men who are at Saratoga —

Jeff Amherst Major General

New York December 18th. 1758.

Endorsed List of the Quarters of / the Army in N: America / 18th. Decr. 1758. / in M: G: Amherst's of Decr. 18th. / 1758 / 5

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New York January yᵉ 18ᵗʰ, 1759.

Sir

As Major General Abercromby is setting out for England he will acquaint you of the State of every thing in this Country in which little alterations have happened since I last did myself the Honour of writing to you on the 18ᵗʰ. of December.

I then sent you Copys of the Letters I had wrote to the several Governours, and I now enclose their answers, as many as I have yet received of them.

I likewise enclose to you a Letter from Brigadier General Monckton with his Journal of all that passed during his command on St. John's River, and Copys of the most material Letters I have either received or wrote since my arrival here, as I think that the clearest method of laying the whole before you.

I have only had one Letter from Brigadier General Forbes, since I last wrote to you, owing to his Illness, and though he is so much recovered as to continue his Journey to Philadelphia, which he is forced to do in a Litter, I fear there is very little chance of his recovery.

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I shall not trouble you, Sir, with the Letters I have wrote to Brigadiers General Whitmore and Lawrence which tend chiefly to having the Troops ready as early as possible; or the Orders which I have given to Brigadier General Gage, who I have sent to command at Albany and the advanced Posts; and I think every necessary precaution is taken for their defence, and that we may march out and act offensively on any occasion the Enemy will give us by advancing towards our Posts, which is indeed at present very unlikely, and nothing can tempt them to do it at this Season, except the Importance of the Post at Fort Edward, from the great Quantity of Stores, Ammunition, Bateaüs &c. lodged at that Place; which if they could set fire to, they might flatter themselves they should thereby put a stop to the operations of the ensuing Campaign.

There has been no change or Motion made by the Troops, except sending three hundred and fifty men from Schenectady to Conajohary & Stony Raby for the protection of the Inhabitants on the north side of the Mohawk river, and an Independant Company with some Rangers to No. 4 on the Connecticut River for the defence of the Settlers there.

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I shall take every Method that I can think will be the most conducive for the Troops taking the Field as early as the Season will permit, and I hope the ensuing Campaign will be attended with all the Success of His Majestys Arms, that appearances at present seem to promise.

If I may be permitted, Sir, to offer my opinion to you, which I should not presume to do, but from having tryed to get the best in=formation I can, I believe the difficulties sup=posed to attend the Navigation of the River St. Law=rence to be more imaginary than real, the lower Town of Quebec may be burnt by the Shipping, or from the South side of the River, by batterys on the Hills opposite to the Town, for which reason, it is intended the Inhabitants of the lower Town shall abandon it when an English Fleet appears; the best place for landing the Troops seems to be below Charles's River on the North shore, where there is a plain of three miles in length, and by what Colonel Schuyler tells me, Charles River is every where fordable and good passing when the tide is out, the Town to the land side is weak and the approaches are covered by hills which are near the Town and high. all the force of Canada to oppose the landing would

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be respectable, but if it is thought proper to send an Army to Ticonderoga, which Army may detach a Corps to the right to the Otters=Creek and an=other to the left towards Swegatchi, the Enemy must divide, and by whichsoever Avenue we succeed, Quebec or Montreal, Canada must fall, and with it every thing on this side the River St. Lawrence.

I am with the utmost Respect
Sir
Your most Humble
and most obedient Servant
Jeff: Amherst.

Right Honorable Mr. Pitt

Endorsed New York. Jan.ry 18th 1759. / Maj.r Gen.l Amherst / R/ Mar: 3d by Gen.l Abercromby.

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Boston December 8th. 1758 ~

Sir

I have put together on paper the Sentiments which I had the Honour to express to you in Conversation and take the Liberty to lay them before You, I beg You will accept them rather as a tender of my Services than that they can be of any use to you.

From a Sense of the Importance of the Service in taking Post at Penobscot River by a Fortress, I have repeatedly recomended it to the Assembly of this Province; I have represented it to His Majestys Ministers, I have laid it before Mr. Abercromby and when I had the honour of talking with You upon it, You was pleased to express Your Opinion on the Same, I consider therefore the point of its being a thing asdutly (sic) Necessary to be done as a thing fixed. that it should be done effectually and done so as to answer the purpose meant by it, it must be done early and Seritly (sic) & be, whatsoever it is, Compleat in its Nature, Four Block Houses picketted in, will answer all the End proposed. If Sir, You think yourself Able to advance the Sum Necessary to effect this it may be done, if it be left to the Province to do

as it is beyond all their Settlements & perhaps beyond the Limitts of the Province, I much doubt their doing it at all. If they should be induced, the Affair must become publick, will be delay'd, and most likely not done effectually at last. I would therefore hope you might think it comes within the Department of the General Service. And if so, and you will advance the Money for Building the Fortress, I will get the Troops to gard (sic) the Service while doing, I will furnish it with Stores & Ammunition and put a Garrison in it at the Expence of the Province.

I have the honour to be Sir -

Your most Obedient &

Most Humble Servant

T Pownall

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His Excellency

Genl: Amherst

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New York, Decr. 25th. 1758.

Dear Sir/

I wrote to You a very short Letter, just to acknowledge the Receipt of Yours of the 8th. Instant, with Your Sentiments of some future Operations you were so kind to send me, for which I am much obliged to you.

I am now to add my thanks for your Favor of the 18th. Instant, with a Copy of Sr. Thomas Robinson's Letter of the 19th. June 1755. in Regard to Application being made to the Commander in Chief for sums of Money as shall become necessary for such Expences not properly chargeable to Your Government.

I have before given You my Opinion, as to the Necessity of taking Post on the most advantageous Ground on the Penobscot River, which I have wished to do from the Time that we took Possession of St. John's, that the Enemy might be entirely shut out from the Bay of Fundi, and then we may assure a Quick Possession of the whole Coast to His Majesty's Subjects.

I know You was of my Opinion so much in Regard to the Necessity of a Post there, that when I pressed, that the Massachusetts Government, would defray the Expence of a

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Blockhouse, I did not in the least doubt your Incli=nations and wishes to get it effected; And from Your Assurances of the many insurmountable Difficul=ties, that prevented it from being put in Execution, I should then have directly offer'd to have paid the Expence, but that I was not sure I was properly authorised.

On Talking over this Affair with You, I re=member I mention'd to you a Blockhouse, which as it is the best of the Kind I had ever seen, I thought might answer the Purpose very well; I herewith enclose to You the Plan & Elevation of it, and another Paper, which gives a clear Ex=planation of the whole. This was made to con=tain 200 Men occasionally, so that one upon a smaller Scale might be sufficient on the Pen=obscot River, and it should be no larger, than to be properly garrison'd by the Number of Men always intended to be kept there.

This Blockhouse compleatly finished cost be=tween two and three Hundred Pounds, and I think it a better Defence than several Blockhouses containing together the same Number of Men that would strongly garrison this; but it may per=haps alter from the Situation of the Ground, & I send it You only that You may use it or not

according as You think proper.

I am so convinced of the Good Effect that must ensue from taking Post of the Penobscot River, that I will venture to take on me to pay for erecting a Blockhouse Fort built in such manner as you shall think best, and I dont doubt but You will be of my Opinion, that it should be finished and garrison'd by the Beginning of March. In case you should chuse to have the Assistance of an Engineer in looking out for proper Ground &ca I will now write to Colonel Bastide to appoint Capt. Williamson who is at Boston for that Service.

The Kennington arrived here the 19th Inst. the same Day the Packet sailed for England. Gen. Abercromby thinks of Sailing in a Weeks Time. No News of the Nightingale or the Three Transports with her; I greatly fear they may have been drove far off from this Coast by the late Stormy Weather.

Not a Word of News from Philadelphia since the first Account. I wish the Delay may not be Occasion'd by the ill state of Health of B. G. Forbes - I am with the greatest Truth & Esteem

Dear Sir / Your most humble and most Obedient Servant -

His Excellency Govr. Pownall. -

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Sir

I Yesterday received Your Excellencys very Obliging favours of the 13th and 17th Instant, and gladly embrace this Opportunity of Congratu=lating you on Your late Success in the reduc=tion of the important City of Louisbourgh, and it's Dependencies - as also on Your appointment to the Chief Command of his Majesties Forces in North America, in which Eminent Station, I must heartily wish You all the Success and Honour that a Gentleman so justly deserving the Esteem of the Publick can desire, It gives me inexpressible Pleasure to hear the Success of our Arms on the Ohio, the Abandoning Fort Du Quesne is an Event which must Occasion great Joy every where, and will I expect in a great Measure Strenthen (sic) and encrease his Majestys Indian Interest in America

In Obedience to Your Excellencys Com=mands I Shall lose no time in using all my influence to engage as many Indians as possible to assist in the Opperations of the en=suing Campaign, and will as Soon as I can with certainty transmit You an Account of the Numbers may be prevailed upon for that purpose, with whatever other informations is Necessary.

I have heard nothing from Brigadeer Stanwix of those Troops Mentioned in Yours of the 17th which were to be Sent to Conajohara when he Applys to me, Shall give him all the Assistance in my power. I am certain a Number of Troops quartered in this part of the Country will be a great encouragement to all the Inhabitants (who by their Situation are much exposed) Should the Enemy attempt any thing this way

It is necessary Sir, to Acquaint You that in Order to enable me to furnish the Indians with the requists for the ensuing Campaign. I Should as Soon as possible be laying in a Stock of all necessaries, to do which, I Shall want About four, or five thousand Pounds Sterling, which I Should be glad You would please to Order a Warrant for - and as good light Arms Such as Indians use, are not to be met with in these parts, I Should wish to be furnished with them from below, or where ever a Quantity can be had, being an Ar=ticle Indispensably Necessary, I think with the few I have, four hundred will do - be assured Sir I Shall do every thing necessary for promoting the Indian Interest to the Ad=vantage of his Majestys Service, and Shall

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not omitt any Oppertunity of making you Ac:
:quainted with every Necessary Intelligence, As
well as of Assuring You that I am with the
greatest Sincerity and Respect

Your Excellencys
Most Obedient, and
Most Humble Servant
Wm. Johnson

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Fort Johnson
December 26th. 1758 ~

His Excellency Gen: Amherst

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New York 8th January 1759 –

Sir

As I find by Your Letter of the 26th Ultimo that good light Arms Such as Indians use are not to be met with in your parts. and that you are desireous of being furnished with them from hence or wherever a Quantity can be had. I Shall give Orders for Collecting the four hundred which with the few You say You have, You think will do

As for the Warrant for four or five thousand pounds Sterling which You desire of me, to enable You to furnish the Indians with the requisites for the ensuing Campaign, I must confess that demand is far higher than I had foreseen would have been Necessary on that account, And indeed beyond what the Military Chest can at present Spare. I Shall therefore postpone granting that Warrant till I hear further from You when I hope you will reduce that demand so low as You can without nevertheless discontinuing to lay in a proper Stock of Necessaries the want of which Must by no Means prevent us from the Assistance of as many Indians as You can possibly prevail on to engage with us in the Services of next

Campaign, the determinate number of which I Shall agreable to Your promise, expect to be Ac=quainted with as Soon as possible. The Number of Troops Actually posted on the Mohawk River renders in my Opinion, that part of the Country so Secure against any Attempts of the Enemy, that I do not see the least room for its Inhabitants to be under any the least Apprehensions of being Molested; were there even a fewer Number of Troops, the Advanta=gious Situation of Fort Stanwix And the Garrison its contains would alone be capable of remaing any fears, for if the Garrison is any thing alert no Small party of the Enemy can Make any inroad into that part of the Country, without their being able to intercept them Act offensively Against them and cast them off particularly as Brigadier Stanwix informs me they are well provided with Snow Shoes

I am &ca.-

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New York 23^{d}. December 1758

Sir

I received your letter of the 13th. Instant last Saturday, and as I had conferred with your Excellency on the Principall matters in it, I did not think an immediate Answer Necessary, it is however of Such a Nature as to require one tho' late: In the first place then Your Excellency may be assured, that I shall from inclination, as well as duty, give you all the aid and Assistance I can, in carrying on the Services which are or Shall be pointed out to You

As to raising the Same Number of Men as was done this Year, I may tell Your Excellency my Apprehensions, that I am afraid, it will not be practicable, this Province having lost many Men at Ticonderoga and by Sickness afterwards, however I Shall use my utmost efforts for that end, and Make no doubt, that whatever number I can Obtain, will be ready at the Rendezvous at the time Appointed, and as Soon as the Season will Admitt, as they were; before Your Excellency wrote Your letter to me, the Troops of this Province were disbanded, and being raised on the publick faith, that they Should

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not be Obliged to Serve beyond the first of December they could not be kept up longer without a breach of it

As the late Assembly by the limita=:tion in the Septennial Act were to expire in February next I thought it most conducive to His Majestys Service to Dissolve them. And call a New one to meet the latter end of next Month, which will be full early enough to enter into the Measures Necessary for the Next Campaign, And I believe earlier than Your Excellency will receive His Majestys Commands on that head: And my Opinion is, that His Majestys Commands Signified to his Governors will add great weight to their Applications to their respective Assemblys and facilitate the carrying them into execution, but of this I Shall have the honor of frequent Opportunitys to confer with Your Excellency.

As to any Officers on the Recruiting Service in this Province, if Your Excellency from Time to Time will mention the places to which they are Sent, I Shall write to the Mag=:istrates there to give them the proper Aid and Assistance

I am with truth & the greatest regard

Sir Your Excellencys

Most Obedient & Most Hble Servt.

James De Lancey

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Norwalk 22d. December 1758.

Sir

On Saturday last I was favoured with Your Letter of the 13th. recommending the Continuance of the Troops raised in this Colony for the last Cam=paign in pay for another Year, or in case they were discharged that new Levies be raised as Soon as may be in order to their being ready to take the Field as early as the Season will admitt, altho' I fully concur with You in re=gard to the importance of begining the Cam=paign as Soon as may be. Yet I must Ac=quaint You that the Assembly in October last gave orders for disbanding Our Troops on their return from the Camp which was accordingly done, And tho' the Colony I doubt not will according to its Ability exert itself in his Majesties Service against the common Enemy in bearing a Just proportion on any further Occasion, Yet you will give me leave to Ob=serve; that in order to induce the Assembly vigorously to Engage in raising and providing for Men, it will be Necessary I Should be Able to inform them of the General Plan of Operations proposed something more particular than that it is designed Against the French

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to the Northward &c: this also will be of very great Importance for facilitating the Servies as the People have been used to inlist for Some particular Ser=vice and unless they are acquainted with the General In=tentions and designs of that kind it will be to little purpose to invite them to enter into the Service, As it appears necessary for promoting his Majestys Service and forwarding the undertaking (in which no time Should be lost) that those previous necessaries be come into so far as may be consistant with the good of the general design. And as I am Directed to give You any Light in my Power I beg you will be so good as to excuse my Suggesting these particulars and that you will be Assured I Shall do all in my power for promoting the Service the King has been pleased to Honour You with the Command and direction of.

I am

Sir with very great respect

Your Most Obedient and

Most Humble Servant

Thos: Fitch

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New York December 29th 1758 -

Sir

As I find by Your Letter of the 22d. Instant that my requisition for continuing in pay for this Winter the Troops raised by the Colony of Con=necticut for the Service of last Campaign cannot be complied with by the reason of their having been discharged pursuant to the Order given by the Assembly in October last for disbanding those Troops on their return from Camp I must therefore again recommend it to You not to lose any time in using Your Influence with Your Assembly to move them to order new Levies, And to cause them not only, to be provided with the usual Necessaries but to be ready by the time the Season will admit of their taking the Field, for altho as I mentioned to you in my Letter of the 13th. I had not, nor have Yet, received any particular Orders relative to the Operations of the ensuing Campaign. Yet from the high trust reposed in Me, by His Majesty, who has nothing more at heart than the pre=servation of the lives and properties of his good and faithfull Subjects of America, And who is desirous of securing them in the

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quiet & peaceable possession thereof. I do think it my duty not only to Act upon the defensive but also wherever and as often as the oppertunitys Shall offer to carry the War into the Enemies Settlements, And by the most Vigorous Efforts endeavour to Compell them to a good and lasting peace. the Advantages of which most (sic) be so Obvious to every Inhabitant of this Continent that I do not think it needfull to make use of any Other Argument to induce them to be Aiding and Assisting to their utmost in so Salutary a design and I do flatter my self when they are Acquainted with these my Intentions which I propose Mostly to Observe unless I should receive directions to the contrary, that they will without any further Information of the General plan of Operations Vigorously engage in raising & providing for the Number of Men required by me as above, that they may be ready by the Time prefixed in which interim, if I should receive from H. M. any Plan of Operations to be Communicated to the Governors of this Continent, You may depend on my transmitting the Same to You for their Satisfaction

I cannot conclude without thanking You for Your Assurances of doing all that is in Your

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power for promotting the Services the King has been Pleased to honour me with the Command & direction of; I readily Accept of so good a proffer as I am Sensible it must tend to the benefit and Advantage of all the Provinces in General whose prosperity and Success no one wishes more Sincerily than

Sir &ca

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Norwalk 8th January 1759

Sir

Your having by Your Letter of the 29th of last Month again recommended the raising new Levies for another Campaign, and considering the Encourageing Assurances You have given of Your Intentions in the Most Effectual manner as well by Offensive as Defensive Operations against the Common Enemy to prosecute the import:ant Service the King and these Colonies have so much at heart.

I have determined as Soon as conveniently may be to convince the Assembly to lay before them the Several Matters contained in Your Letters, and Shall (unless Some Occurrance Should intervene to prevent it) recommend to their Serious Consideration the motion You have made, and per:suade myself that Your Known disposition to pro:mote His Majestys Service and the special Rea:son the Assembly have to confide in your good Conduct will have great weight and Influence with them.

I can't in the mean time but hope I may receive Something particular in regard to the Service of this Year, in order not only the more Effectually to influence the Assembly

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in raising the Levies and making the necessary provision for them with more propriety and Cer:=tainty but also to facilitate the Levies that may be agreed to be raised, as it has been usual (as I before acquainted You) for the People to be made acquainted with the Service they are to Engage in. and as that is represented to them more or less agreable to the humour prevailing in the Coun:=try so the Levies commonly Succeed.

I Shall from time to time give you Accounts of the Conclusions come into, and the Progress made in Consequence thereof. And I trust this Colony will not be wanting of it's proper proportion nor be behind others in preparations according to it's Ability for the common Service.

I am

Sir

with very great respect
Your Most Obedient and
Most Humble Servant

Thos. Fitch

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Portsmouth Decr. 25th. 1758.

Sir

I had the Honour to receive your Letter of the 13th. Instant by Your Express, Advising me that the King had been pleased to appoint You Commander in Chief of all his Forces in North America.

I Congratulate You on Your Appointment to this Important trust, and wish you the greatest Success, Assuring You, that in All Matters relative to Your Command, that Absolutely de=pend on me to Execute, I Shall exert my=self to the utmost to Accomplish; to this end I Shall be punctual in transmitting all Occur=rences Essential to His Majestys Service

I observe that You have not received His Majestys particular Commands for the Operations of the next Summers Campaign, but that You are Apprehensive the Service will demand the Same Number of Troops from the re=spective Colonies that were granted for this Year. The grant from New Hampshire was eight Hundred Men Officers included, I had great difficulty in the Assembly to Obtain eight Hundred Men, and had more in Compleating the Levies, so that the Regiment falls Short

upwards of Forty Men

I join in Opinion with You that it would be most beneficial to the Service, to retain this Years Regiments for the next Campaign, but as the grant of Assembly was only for nine Months, and that time Expired, it may be of disservice to Mention it, as the Regiments looks upon them=selves as already disbanded but if any other expedient can be thought of, for the good of the Service, I Shall not fail of Making the best use of it.

I am ready on all occasions to Contribute every thing in My power to Expedite His Ma=jestys Service, and Shall give my Countenance Assistance and protection to the Recruiting Officers that May come into my Government, but I am very doubtfull of their Success, Since there are new Levies to be Made, and Several Officers already Raising recruits for the Ranging and Battoe Service, which greatly thins this Province of Men. as after greater proportion is taken from hence. than from the other New England Governments both for Rangers and Battoe Men

It will greatly facilitate the Raising Men for for the Next Campaign, for me to have

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timely Notice whether they are to be Employed for the Reduction of Canada, and if so, whether the Regiment of New Hampshire may not be part of the Forces that Embark by Water, as Transports may readily be taken up here, which will Save a Tedious March of near four hun=dred Miles out, and as many Miles back which proves more fatigueing to the Men than the Duty they do

I am
With the greatest regard
Sir
Your Excellencys
Most Obedient
humble Servant
B Wentworth

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His Excellency General Amherst

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Fort Duquesne Now Pittsburg 26 Novr. 1758–

Sir

I have the pleasure and honour of Acquainting You with the Signall Success of his Majesties Troops over all His Enemys on the Ohio; by having Obliged them to burn and Abandon their Fort Duquesne which they effectuated upon the 24th Instant, and of which I took Possession with My little Army the Next day, the Enemy having made their escape down the River, part in Boats and part by Land to their Forts and Settlements on the Mississippi, being Abandoned or at least not Seconded by their Friends the Indians, whom we had previously engaged to act a Neutral part, and who now Seem all willing & ready to embrace His Majestys most gracious Protection.

So give me leave to congratulate you upon this important Event, of having totally expelled the French from their Fort, and this Prodigeous Tract of Country and of having in a Manner reconciled the Various Tribes of Indians inhabiting it, to His Majestys Government

I have not time to give a Detail of our proceedings and approaches towards the Enemy or of the Hardships & difficulties that

we necessarly met with all that will come to you soon, but I assure you after reviewing the Ground & Fort I have great reason to be most thankfull for the part the French have Acted

As the Conquest of this Country is of the greatest Consequence to the Adjacent Provinces by securing the Indians our real Friends, for their own advantage, I have therefore sent for their head people to come to me when I think in few words and few Days to make every thing easy. I Shall then set out to Kiss your hands, if I have Strength (sic) enough left to carry me through my Jorney (sic).

I Shall be Obliged to leave about 200 Men of your Provincial Troops to Join a pro=portion of Virginians and Marylanders in order to Protect this Country during Winter, by which time I hope the Provinces will be so Sensible of the great Benifit of this new Acquisition as to enable me to fix this noble fine Country to all perpetuity under the Dominion of Great Britain

I beg the Barracks may be put in good repair and proper Lodging for the Officers, and that you will send me, with the greatest

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dispatch, Your Opinion how I am to dispose of the rest of Your Provincial Troops for the ease and convenience of the Province and the In=habitants, You must also remember that Col^o. Montgomery's Battalion of 1300 Men, and four Com=panys of Royall Americans, are After so long and tedious Campaign to be taken care of in Some comfortable Winter Quarters

I kiss all your hands and flatter myself that if I got to Philadelphia under Your care and good Companies I shall yet have a chance of reestablishing an health that I run the risque of ruining to give Your Province all the Satis=faction in the power of my weak Abilities

I am

Sir

with great Esteem & regard

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Jo: Forbes

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Governor Denny

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A Message from the Governor to the Assembly

Gentlemen

I have the pleasure to lay before You a Letter I lately received from Brigadier General Forbes with the interesting and important Account of his Success in the Expedition against His Majesties Enemies to the Westward, An Event, which, it is true, has been purchased at a considerable present Expence, but when the Consequences, are coolly weighed, and considered, of Suffering the French, to lay the Foundation of our future Slavery by possessing themselves of, and fortifying the back parts of His Majestys Colonies on this Continent, and to keep open a Communication between their Settlements from Canda to the Mississippi; I am perswaded every real Friend of Liberty will think this Conquest could not have been too dearly bought.

Under Divine Providence, and the Courage, Prudence, and Steady Conduct of the General, who is known during the Campaign, to have struggled with, and Surmounted difficulties insuperable, under the Severest Indisposition of Body, the Success of this expedition is owing to the good Effects of our Several Treaties, and negotiations with the Indians on the Ohio, who were deter=

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=mined by the Missages sent them from the last Treaty at Easton to withdraw them=
=selves from the French, and observe a Neutrality

The great Advantages that attend this Suc=
=cess of His Majestys Arms will be Sensibly felt by all the British Colonies, but by none so much as this Province, whose Inhabitants have been most exposed to the Incursions and Cruelties of the French and their Allies from that Quarter. It is not how=
=ever to be Expected that our vigilant and crafty Enemies will permitt us long to remain in the quiet and undisturbed Possession of the Country which they have for the present been Compelled to abandon to us. Common prudence therefore, as well as a Sence of Duty to our Soverign, and ourselves, demand it of us to lose no time in preparing to repel any Attempts they may make next Spring to retrieve their Losses; In the mean time, also it highly behoves us by every probable Expedient to confirm the Indians on the Ohio in their present good Dispositions, and conceliate their Affections to his Majesty, His Subjects and Government, to effect this, Much remains to be done, Yet wavering in their minds and probably not unanimous in their Councils on this turn of Affairs, they will be liable to be again poysond and Misled

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by the French, unless we Speedily evince to them that a firm reliance may be had on our Friend=ship And that we are Able and willing to pro=tect them against the French.

You will find by the Generals Letter dated at Fort Duquesne that he had determined to leave two hundred of our Provincial Troops to join a proportionable Number of Virginians, and Marylanders, to protect the Country, And that he desires my advise how to dispose of the rest of the Provincials, for the Ease and Con=venience of the Province and Inhabitants. It was not in my power to comply fully with the Gen=erals request without previously knowing what Number of Troops You would agree to Support the ensuing Year, I was therefore under the Necessity of convening you before the time of Your Adjournment to deliberate on this, and Severall other important Matters I have above mentioned to You.

General Forbes is of Opinion that the Building of a Block House and Saw Mill upon the Kiskemonitas near Loyal Hannin will be of the utmost Consequence to this Province, and at his Pressing Instance, I recom̃end it to you to make Speady Provision for so

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Necessary a Work.

I have appointed Indian Agents to reside at Fort Allen, and in any place that Shall be thought most proper over Sasquahannah; and the Commissioners under the Act of Assembly for preventing Abuses in the Indian Trade &c have with my Approbation already Sent up Quantities of Indian Goods, which will I hope have a very good Effect on our new Friends, and be a Means of disposing them to continue hearty in His Majestys Interest.

I must also inform you that I have very lately receiv'd a Letter dated the 13th: Instant from General Amherst, which will be laid before you by the Secretary, wherein His Excellency informs me, "that tho' he has not "as Yet any particular Orders relative to the "Operations of the ensuing Campaign, He imagines "the Same Number of Provincial Troops will "be required that were Voted by the respective "Colonies this Year, and that it will likewise "be necessary, in order to carry those Operations "the more effectually into Execution, that those "Troops should be at the place of Rendezvous "as early in the Spring as possible. He therefore "recommends it to me, if the Troops raised by

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"this Province for the Services of last Campaign "are not already disbandid, that I would move you to continue them in their pay during "the Winter, which will not only be a great "Saving in point of time, but by what he can "understand a great Saving of Expence to "the Province, but if it should so happen that "the Troops should have already been disbanded, in "that case, he desires I would lose no time in us: "ing my Influence with you to order new Levies, "and to cause those to be provided with the usual "Necessaries and to to be ready by the time the "Season will admitt their taking the Field".

Before I received the General's Letter I had given Orders for the Discharge of the Companies which were enlisted for the Campaign only, and sent the Pay Masters to adjust their Accounts, that every Man Might receive with the Dis: charge a Certificate of the Sum due to him, on which he might perhaps obtain Credit for the purchase of Necessaries, the Paymaster is likewise directed to appoint some proper Person to receive and take care of the Arms, Accoutrements, and Blankets from every Soldier before he is discharged

The reasons Assigned by General Amherst for keeping up the Provincials raised for the

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Service of the last year are so cogent and judicious that it would be vain for me to add any thing in Support of them, I hope therefore You will take His Excellency's Requisition into your serious consideration, and enable me to give him a Speedy Answer

Before I conclude, Gentlemen, I must remind You that large Arrears are due to the troops in the Pay of the Province, more than the last Sum raised for His Majesty's Use will, as I am informed, be Sufficient to discharge, And beg You will consider that it is for the Honour as well as Interest of the Province that Means Should be found for the Speedy Payment of this Debt.

A True Copy
Richard Peters
Secretary
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A Message to the Governor from the Assembly

May it please your Honour —

The Advices of the Success of His Majesties Forces employed in the Reduction of Fort Duquesne which You have been Pleased to lay before us in Your Message of the 21st Instant are so interesting & important as well to the peace and Security of this, and the Neighbouring Provinces, as to the British Interest in General, that we Shall not fail to do every thing which can be reasonably expected from this Young Colony, in frustrating the Ambitious Views of the French to destroy our Settlements and extend their own to the River Missisippi, and we hope the Success of our late Campaign Under General Forbes will greatly contribute to this good end. This happy Event, we agree with Your Honour under Divine Providence and the Courage, Prudence, and Steady Conduct of the General, is owing to the good Effects of the Several Treaties held with the Indians at the Expence of this Province - And especially the late Negotiations and Messages with those on the Ohio, before and Since the last Treaty at Easton, by which they were induced to withdraw themselves from the French and Observe a Neutrality

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in consequence whereof the Enemy have been Neces=
=sitated to Abandon the Fort, from whence they
have so frequently distressed our Frontier Settle=
=ments and those of the Neighbouring Colonies

The regaining the Indian Affections, from which
we always expected the most Natural Barrier,
and Security of the extended Western Boundary
of this Colony, has been and will Still continue
the Object of our Strictest Attention, and we shall
whenever we receive Sufficient Information of the
Disposition of the Indians on the Ohio, and the
Treaty held with them by Order from General
Forbes exert our best Abilities to render it
their true Interest to join cordially with us,
And by all means in our power endeavour to
receive and effectually secure that Friendship which
happily Subsisted between them and us, till within
these few Years, from the first Settlement of
this Province

In expectation of a Vigorous Effort to be
made upon the Enemy in the next Year, and
at the Requisition of His Excellency General Amherst
we Shall continue the Fourteen Hundred Old Troops
in the Pay of the Province, till our next meeting,
at which we hope to receive further Information
from our Most gracious Sovereign, of the intended

Operations of the ensuing Campaign.

Your Honours care to discharge the New Levies in pursuance of their Agreement, and the Method you have taken to grant them Certificates for their Arrears are very Agreable to us, as thereby the publick Faith will be preserved, Should the last Supplies fall Short till this debt can be provided for in the Aids to be granted to His Majesty for defraying the Expences of the Cur=rent Year

We return Your Honour our thanks for Your ready concurrence with the Commissioners of the Indian Trade in providing an early Supply of Goods for our Indian Allies which we hope will have a good Effect; and if the Act for preventing Abuses in the Said Trade Should, on Experience and a larger Extention of our Trade, require any Alterations or a larger Stock, we shall on All Occa=sions be willing to make Such Alterations, or Amendments to that Act as may render it effectual

Signed by Order of the House
Isaac Norris Speaker

Decr. 23d. 1758

A true Copy Richard Peters Secretary

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New York January ye 14th 1759

Dear Sir

Mr Mead Master & Commander of the Crown Store Ship having put in here the 11th Instant to gett a Pilot for Halifax And having on board Several Stores belonging to the Hospital which have for Some time past been much wanted. I have on representation of the Director of the Hospital of the Necessaty of having these things, Detained Mr Mead for a few Days to have the Stores Landed.

I am likewise to inform You that Capt Campbell of His Majestys Ship Nightengale arrived here the 2d with two Transports from Boston with the Sick Men, the third Transport parted Company, and I since hear is got into Philadelphia

I mentioned to You when I was at Halifax that I would Join with You in demanding, and use my best indeavours to procure from the different Governors any Number of Seamen that might be wanted for Maning the Fleet under Your Command early in the Spring. I find the difficulty of getting Seafaring people so very great, that Men cannot be got here for two Transports bound to England, And I am told the only chance for pressing any is by Cruizing off this Port Rhode Rhode Island & Boston, And how far that may be

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feasible You are the best Judge. but as I am very sensible that Nothing can distress the Enemy more than hindering any Succours getting up the River St Lawrence. if You are in want of Men I will write to Govr: Pownall to desire him to furnish from the Massachusetts Government the Number You May desire, which Shall be allowed in the Quota to be furnished to the Army. I know there are Some Towns on the Eastern Coast of the Massachusetts Government particularly Gloucester who would furnish Men to the Fleet provided they are insured of their being released so Soon as the Service is over and their Wages to be paid, sent home, & not to be forced from this Country, and those Towns to be allowed the Number in the Men they furnish for the Provincial Troops.

I have so great reason to be Satisfied of Governor Pownall's Zeal and Alacrity in forwarding every thing for the good of His Majestys Service, and am so convinced of the great Advantages that must ensue from the early Cruizing of the Fleet, that I doubt not but Governor Pownall will readily comply with it upon Application, And I shall most willingly lessen the Number to be furnished to the Army, if Absolutely wanted in the Fleet, to forward that very essential Service.

Rear Admiral Durell/

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New York December 25th 1758

Dear Sir

On my arrival here the 12th Instant, I met with the most welcome, and pleasing reception I could have wished, on the receipt of your letter of the 26th & 30th of Novembr which wanted nothing added to it, to have compleated my wishes, but a better account of your own health

I most sincerely give You joy of this signal success of His Majesty's Arms, in taking this very important Post of Fort du Quesne by the Troops under your command, this certainly will reconcile, & fix the various tribes of Indians to our Interest, and will be of the utmost consequence in the future operations of the War, as well as insuring a quiet settlement to many of His Majesty's Subjects at present.

I find by your letter that you have applied to M: G: Abercromby for his Orders, and Instructions, in case you took the Place, which you now desire to have directions about. I have shew'd your letter to Genl: Abercromby, who says, that you on the Spot, could judge much better than he could of what was best to be done for His Majesty's service, and as His Majesty

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has been most graciously pleased, on M.r G.l Aber=
=cromby's desiring to go to England, to confer on me
the very great honour of the command of the
troops in North America, I must now join in
opinion with Gen.l Abercromby that from the
Events that have happened under your eyes,
and being Master of Fort Du Quesne, no one
can better judge of the advantages to be taken
for the protection of the Country, and for the good
of His Majesty's service, and I must desire that
you will make the disposition for the quarters of
the troops under your command in the manner
that you shall think the most conducive thereto.

At this distance it appears to me abso=
=lutely necessary to have a sufficient force at
Pittsbourg to keep Post there, for which a block=
=house is soon built, if the Fort is so ruined
as not to be made use of.

The Garrison is in no danger of being at=
=tacked by the enemy, the only difficulties are to
cover them from the Weather, and supply them
with Provisions, and I think we should at any
rate rather struggle through these difficulties, than
abandon the Post.

I intended to have dispatched a Packet Boat
on the 13th: but on the pleasure of receiving your

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letter, and the expectation of hearing further from you by Major Halkitt every moment, I deferr'd it till the 19th, when I thought the news of your having taken Fort Du Quesne of so much consequence, that I should be blamed in England in delaying any longer acquainting them of that great Event.

I therefore sent your letter, and have said, that if Major Halkitt, arrived here with the particulars, he might take the opportunity of going with Mr. G: Herranly in the Kennington.

I have waited myself to write to you, expecting Major Halkitt every hour, I now imagine You may not dispatch him 'till You have finished your Indian Affairs, and your return to Philadelphia.

I send this by Capt. Smith of my Regt. who I hope will find you safe arrived at Philadelphia, and in a better state of health, than what I fear you was in, by the account you give of yourself. I am with the greatest Truth & regard

Dear Sir &c. &c.

Brigadier General Forbes.

P. S. I herewith enclose to you a Plan &

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elevation of a Block house, with a paper that explains the whole. I send it You because I think it by much the best thing of that sort, of any I have seen.

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New York January 9th. 1759

Dear Sir

I have waited with great impatience for an account of your safe arrival at Philadelphia, which I can't but be very anxious about, as I imagine nothing can retard it, but your ill state of health.

I hope you will have received my letter of the 25th. of December before this time, it was to assure you of my sincere congratulation, on your success in taking Possession of Fort Du Quesne, which is of very great importance at present, and must help greatly in the future Operations of the War.

I now send you a duplicate of the said letter which Capt. Smith acquaints me, he sent by express from Philadelphia, and as I should be glad to have a thorough information of the different posts to Pittsburg, the state of the Post you are erecting there, and of the communication to the several posts, with the course of the Country, I dispatch this by Capt. Garth Engineer with orders to him to proceed as far as your Conquest, and I beg the favour of you to give him an Order for an Escorte from the advanced Posts, if it is necessary.

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Col: Byrd acquaints me of your Resolves in leaving 200 Men at Fort Du Quesne, which I am very glad of, & tho' the difficulties of supplying them can't but be attended with trouble and expence, I would not abandon that post on any account.

At the distance I am at, and therefore cannot judge so well as you, I can't but wish you had left some of Colonel Montgomery's Regiment, with proper Officers to have been a part of the Garrison at Fort du Quesne, that it might be entirely out of the power of the Enemy to attempt any Coup de Main in the Winter, which I imagine nothing but the hopes of finding the Garrison asleep can tempt them to do, and to put that out of their power, I would forego a good winter Quarter, for as many Men as Might be Necessary for the entire security of the Post, but as You are on the spot, I leave it to you, to do as you think best for the good of His Majesty's Service.

As You will have been informed of the state of the Country, and the Inhabitants beyond Fort du Quesne, as well as the course and Navigation of the Ohio, I should be glad

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you would favour me with any Ideas you may have formed to yourself, and that you think practicable, and most conducive to prosecute the War, on that side of the Country, to dis=:tress the Enemy, and to render the Possessions of His Majesty's Subjects, secure from any at=:tacks the enemy may Make. I am with the greatest truth, & regard

Dear Sir &c &c

Br: Gl: Forbes.

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Private Charles Town Novr. 30th. 1758

Sir,

I did not receive the favour of your Excel=lency's letter of the 28th. of May 'till the 7th. of Septr. by the Post from New York, & desired Admiral Boscawen in one I wrote to him on the 8th. to return you my best thanks for it, but I presume you had left him before that letter could reach him.

I must now beg leave to congratulate you as well on the glorious success of His Ma=jesty's Arms, under your Command at Louis=bourg, as on your late advancement to a higher station, & to assure You it will give me a most sensible pleasure, if it may be in my power to promote any measures in this country, which may be agreable to you.

I have writ to M^{r}. Pitt on some matters, which your Excellency is privy to, & am in hopes those Ideas will not be laid aside.

Should you have any Commands of consequence to send me I think it necessary to acquaint you there is nothing so irregular, & dilatory, as the course of the Post between New York & this place, & must beg you

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will dispatch an express Messenger to me; duplicates also of your letters might be sent by Sea, which may sometimes prove a very quick conveyance.

I have no news yet of the success of General Forbes's Operation against Fort Du Quesne; Colonel Bouquet who is with him, had for some time the command of the Forces in this Province where his conduct was such, as produced great misunderstandings between us, & destroyed that mutual Confidence which was so necessary for the King's Service, he has made a purchase of lands here, in which General Prevôt, Colonel Haldiman, & other foreign Officers are concerned with him, & on that account he may perhaps sollicit to be sent here again, but if ever you shall think it necessary Sir, to station any troops in this Colony, it will be a great satisfaction to me to see them under the command of an Officer who has no Provincial local Attachments. I am Sir &c.

His Excellency Major Genl. Amherst &c. &c.

Endorsed Gov. Lyttelton, to / M: G: Amherst. / Private / 30th Nov. 58 / in M. G. Amherst's of Jan. 18: / 1759 / 18

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New York 12th January 1759

Sir

I had the favour of receiving your very oblig=
=ing letter of the 30th of November, on the 1st of this
Month, and as a Sloop is to sail in a day or two
for Charles Town, it gives me, an opportunity of re=
=turning you my thanks for it.

In the ulterior Operations of this last Cam=
=paign, after the taking of Louisbourg, an attack,
on the places upon the Rivers Mississippi and
Mobile was one of the Services pointed out, and
ordered to be considered, by Admiral Boscawen
and me, and on the 9th of August we determin=
=ed on the diffrent services that have been
since executed by that Army up the River
St. Laurence, the Bay of Fundy, and a Corps
which marched to join M: G: Abercromby.

As you mention in your letter that you
have wrote to Mr. Pitt, on some matters that
I am privy to, and that you hope those Ideas
will not be laid aside, I am now to acquaint
you, that since my arrival here, I have tried
to get the best information I could, in regard
to the state of the Enemys Posts, and force on
the Ohio, Mississippi, and Mobile Rivers, and
it appears to me that a Corps of Troops may

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march from Charles Town to Chottee, embark on the Cherokee River, and go, and take possession of the French Fort, and Fort Prud Homme, and thereby entirely cut off the Ilinois, and the upper part of the River, from any Communica=-tion with New Orleans, while another Corps may march directly from Charles Town to Oekfuskee and to the Albama Fort to take possession of the Mobile, and a Ship or two of Force, and a Corps of Troops to go to the Em=-bouchures of the Rivers, to try to act offen=-sively there.

From the best intelligence I can pick up, I am so convinced the above cannot fail of success, that I have been in some doubt, whether I should not immediately send to you, and send proper Officers to prepare the Re=-quisites, and embark directly some Troops for S. Carolina. and nothing hinders me from put=-ting this in execution, but that I fear the effecting the above service, may exceed the time that Orders from England may require those Troops to act on other services, for which reason I only postpone it, 'till I receive some news from England, when if I should re=-ceive any Orders for making any Attacks,

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on those Rivers, I shall instantly send Col=
=onel Byrd, and proper Officers to you, and embark the troops, and I should hope this service might be accomplished before the hot weather sets in.

The letter I have received from Brig.r Gen.l Forbes, with the accounts I have since had of his very ill state of health make me fear much, he will never be able to reach Philadelphia, and I think the com=
=mand of the Troops to the Southward of so much consequence to His Majesty's Ser=
=vice, that I have wrote to Brig.r Gen.l Monck=
=ton to repair here, to be ready to take on him that command, in case death should happen to Brig.r Forbes.

Capt.n Campbell of His Majesty's Ship Night=
=ingale is stationed here, and is afterwards ordered to S.o Carolina, I shall keep him here, untill I receive news from England, that he may convoy the troops, if any should be ordered as I have before mentioned.

I shall have particular regard to what you mention as to Col: Bouquet, and the foreign Officers.

I have sent the letter you enclosed

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for Gov.r Pownall, by a Capt.n of my Regiment, who was going to Boston.

I am, with the greatest Truth, and Regard

Sir &c. &c.

His Excellency Governor Lyttelton

Endorsed M. G. Amherst to / Gov.r Lyttelton / 12th Jan.y 59 ~ / in M. G. Amherst's of Jan.y 18:1759 /

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St. Johns River Novbr. 12th. 1758

Sir/

I had the Honour of writing you the 15th. & 17th. October - Acquainting you with my Proceedings to that time.

The 30th. having got all the Vessells above the Falls (though with the loss of the Province Sloop Ulysses, which struck on a Rock in passing the Narrows; & soon after sunk - So that it was with difficulty the people on Board were saved - Which detain'd us some days) And the Troops - About 1200 - being all Embark'd, we set Sail -

But as the Winds were not favourable, & the Tides much against us - it was the 3d. Inst. before we reach'd Grimrosse - A Settlement Consisting of about 40, or 50 Houses & Barns, Made by the Inhabitants that were drove off from Beau-Sejour in 1755 - The same night I sent a Party to try to take a Prisoner - But as they had got the Alarm, they were all re=tir'd into the Woods, & had drove off their Cattle - So that, the next morning having no hopes of taking any of them - I landed, & burnt & destroy'd all their Houses, Barns, Grain &c And in the Evening reimbark'd - At this Village

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we found upwards of 50 Hogsheads of Lime the Cargo of a Schooner that was bound to Fort Cumberland, & taken in the Spring by a Privateer fitted out by the Inhabitants of this, & the Other Rivers ~ Which, as we could not take away, we likewise did what we could to destroy ~ The Guides I had with, had before told me that they could not carry it higher than Grimrose - As the River would not allow of it, or else they would Cer=:tainly have carry'd it to St. Anns - Which we afterwards found to be true, And as we could, not find the Vessell, suppos'd they had lightned her, & hid her in some place, we could not come too By the Appearance of the Houses, & other things, the Inhabitants had not been long retir'd ~ And the Morning we landed ~ We at a great distance saw two or three Canoes with Men - the Canoes we afterwards found loaded with Corn which we destroy'd - On the 5th. we Weigh'd Anchor, & got under Sail, to proceed up the River; But when we came near to the Island of Mettis - As describ'd in the Sketch I have the Honour of Inclosing you Our Guides refus'd to take any further Charge - Alledging that the Vessells could not go up any further - As they drew too much Water ~ And they had never known any, but

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small Shallops go up higher as they had before
shewn us the best Channels - I could not but
give some Credit to them - However, we con:
:tinued our Course, having a small Schooner
a Head off us - On Board of which was a Man
that had been taken Prisoner two Years ago
and Carry'd up the River - He therefore took
upon him to be Pilot - But in a very short
time ran the Schooner a Ground - The Sloop
I was in, seeing that, took the other Channel,
but met with the same fate - It being a
Sandy bottom we soon got off again without
any Damage - The Wind coming right a head
we came to an Anchor - I then dispair'd of
being able to go any higher up the River -
The next Morning, the Wind Continuing con:
:trary - I sent the Mate of the Squirrel Man
of War, whom Capt. Wheelock had sent up with
us, & Capt. Rogers of the late Ulysses to sound
the Channells - Who return'd & reported, that
in the Starboard Channel, their was but
6 & 7 feet Water, & that there was a Bank,
that ran from the Point of the Island of
Mettis, quite over to the Larboard Shore,
on which they could not find more than
6 feet Water - From theese Circumstances,

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and all our Vessells, if light drawing more Water than either of theese Passages - (as we were oblig'd to take such as we could get) And this being the 7th day of a Fortnights Pro=vision - Being all we could take - having left the Troops at the Fort with much less - The Provisions from Hallifax not being Arriv'd - The No West winds setting in, the Water there quite fresh & still, & therefore liable to be soon froze - (which must have been the case, had we not return'd, as the Wind has been in that Quarter ever since). I determin'd to Re=turn and in my Way to destroy, all Houses, Cattle, &c that we met with - We therefore got under Sail about noon, & fell down to an Old French Settlement call'd Jemseg op=posite to Grimrosse, where we destroy'd some few Houses, & Cattle - As we did likewise, all the Houses we came upon in our Way down - I got back to the Fort the 8th But it was not till Yesterday that the last got down. - In the Whole, I believe we destroy'd about 70 Houses & Barns - And Kill'd about 40 Head of Cattle. One of our Guides, who was taken this Summer by a Party from Fort Cumberland - As he was returning from St. Anns - Where

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he had been with an Express for Canada, from the Gov.r of Louisbourgh, Upon Genl. Am:-herst's landing before it - And Whoe's Wife & family has since been taken at the Island of St. Johns ~ Assures me that when he was there which was in June, that there was only - A Cadet & about 20 Men there ~ that there was not the least Signs of a Fort - that the Officer & his Men, were Quarter'd in the Village which Consisted of about 40 Houses - And that he never heard that they intended Building a Fort ~ That by what he could learn the Inhabitants in General propos:-ed retiring to Canada, as soon as they could. And that as to the Indians - they talk'd, that if the English were to Establish a Port here that they must either come in Which they would doo if they could get any Terms - Or that they would likewise retire to Canada As their Hunting & Fishing would be cut off ~ And that he did not know, or ever heard of their having one single Peice of Cannon there

After the Reasons I have before offer'd, for my not Proceeding further up the River Which I am in hopes, will prove satisfactory to Your

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Excellency - I would beg leave to observe that had the River prov'd Navigable even up to St: Anns. I should not have well known what to have done with the Inhabitants - The Troops would Certainly have retir'd And to have burnt, & destroy'd the Inhabitants Houses without taking of the People - Which I could not have done, Both for want of Provisions & Conveyance - Would have been Cruel - They must now be Convinc'd that we know the Way up the River, And can at any Time go up - For Could we have gone, a fortnight sooner, we might I dare say, have gone to St: Anns by Land, from Grimrosse. With the help of Boats to Cross the Rivers - for, there, & even from the Village of Robicheaus. As your Excellency will observe by the Sketch; the Country is quite flatt - The Fort Call'd Nirapis. is a Fort the French had formerly, but now quite destroy'd -

The River after passing the Falls, is as fine a River as ever I saw. And the Land above Robicheaus Flatt, & capable of Producing any thing - The Wood is Chiefly, Oak Beech, Birch, & Wallnutt, & no Under Wood - So that one may walk through it with ease, & for

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Miles without meeting with a Stone - The Islands in particular are very fine - But any Post that may be thought necessary to be Establish'd up there - Must be a strong one As, the Water being quite fresh & Still - it must Freeze very soon, Which makes the Communication Easy - Yesterday I sent off Majr. Scott with the Light Infantry & Rangers up the River Petcondiack, where I am inform'd the Privateer & one of her Prizes are - And where there are some Houses, that we were never able to destroy - Majr. Morris got here the 6th. Inst. he was not able to get in any more of the Inhabitants, than I acquainted your Excellency off in my last of the 15th. Past - Whom he sent to Hallifax & destroy'd their Habitations - By the Priests Acct. there are still remaining about 130 Souls, Men, Women, & Children, on the Cape Sable Shore - Who, he says, are all willing to be sent away in the Spring - As they now begin to despair of remaining in quiet possession of those Lands - I have used the greatest Oeconomy in Building this Fort - The only Expence to the Soldiers (Excepting such as were Artificers) And of which we had for some Weeks Six hundred Employ'd each day - Has only been, half a Gill of Rum a day

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to each Man, when employ'd - And which I thought I could not well dispense with - As we have had a good deal of Wet Weather - The Artificers I pay as usual - By the Inclos'd Return of the Troops here Your Excellency will see that the Batn. under my Command, has suffer'd greatly from a Fever Brought amongst them - By some French that were Inlisted at Louisbourgh - With what has dy'd, since this Return, & from the 24th. of August - I have lost above 50 Men - And have now near 150 Sick - As I have not receiv'd any Orders from Your Excellency & Genl. Amherst Concerning the Distribution of the Troops here - And as Brigadier Laurance by a Letter of the 19th. Past Directs the Distribution as I acquainted your Excellency in my former Letter - I find my self under a Necessity of leaving the 35th. Regt. Which I should have left to a Draught But for the want of Officers to my Battn. My Lieut. Colonel & Majr. both D Q. Mr. Genl. Capt. Bradstreet the Same - Capt. Bosomworth employ'd to the Southward - Capt. Graeme gone to the Conti=nent & I believe very little hopes of his coming back - Capt. Prince though here - much troubled with Fitts of which he has lately had one, & has been light headed for this day or Two, & continues verry Bad - So that there only remains

Capt. Oswald Capt. Waterstrome, & Capt. Gealy, be=
=sides the Capt. Lieut. _

I dare say that your Excellency will think that this Port ought not to be left without a Field Officer - As it lays so much by itself - I have therefore Sir, orderd three Companys for this Fort & Majr. Morris to Command _ Colonel Fletcher with 5 Companys to Annapolis, & Capt. Fletcher with two Companys to Fort Edward Pisiquid _ With my own Batn. I am in hopes to to Sail for Hallifax in a few Days

I am sending to Boston for all things that may be necessary for this Garrison - And Govr. Lawrance has sent us from Hallifax four 24 Prs. & 14. 12 Prs. with Ammunition &c - As I have had no Orders about the Rangers - I pro=
=pose ordering them to Boston when they Return from the River Petcoudiack, & have layn in, the remainder of this Garrisons fuel, which they were about -

I shall as soon as possible get made up, the Acct. of the Expence of this Expedition - Which I am in hopes Sir, will prove to your Satisfaction - As no unavoidable Expence has been Incurr'd -

And in regard to my Proceedings - I

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have in every particular done my best for His Majesty's Service/

The Inclos'd Letter I receiv'd from Chig=
=necto - to which place I have order'd Maj.r Scott to send back Cap.t Danks's Company of Rangers in his return here -

I can't help recommending Cap.t Lieu.t Holland to your Excellency And my Eldest Lieu.t M.r Brugstock who has been a long time in the Ser=
=vice & I believe is very deserving - As likewise one M.r John M.c Dougal who has been for these two Years a Volunteer with this Bat.n he has ever shewn himself the first upon all occasions - But as he finds little probability of Prefer=
=ment here, he proposes joining some of the Reg.ts more immediately with your Excellency, when he returns - Being at Present with Maj.r Scott

I have nothing further to add But to assure your Excellency that I am

With much Respect & Esteem
Your most obedient &
Humble Serv.t
Rob.t Monckton

His Excellency Maj.r Gen.l Abercrombie

Endorsed Col. Monckton to / Gen. Abercromby / in M. G. Amherst's of / Jan.y 18. 1759 / 20

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Report of the Proceedings of the Troops on the Expedition up S.t Johns River in the Bay of Fundy — Under the Command of Colonel Monckton — [1]

1758 Sep.r y.e 11.th . . . . Having the Troops & Stores all Embark'd, we Saild from the Harbour of Hallifax with the 35.th Reg.t 2.d Bat.n R A R Cap.t M.c Curdy's & Brewers Companies of Rangers & part of Cap.ts Gorehams & Starks. Under Convoy of the Squirrel Man of War . . . .

Sep.tr y.e 13.th . . . At Night Maj.r Morris with his Com=mand Consisting of 300 Men — parts Company with us for Cape Sable . . . .

Sep.br y.e 18.th . . . We come to an Anchor off Partridge Island, which is at the Mouth of the River, send in, Cobb, & Rogers, who return & Report that they saw two or three people . . . .

Sep.br y.e 19.th . . . . Get under Sail & stand in for the Har=bour — Where we come to an Anchor about two — As it was late before all the Transports got in, I defer'd Landing till the next Morning Sent Cobb for Chignecto for Danks's Company of Rangers, Whale Boats, & some French Pri=soners that had been taken in the Spring.

Sep.br y.e 20.th . . . . Made the Signal for Landing about nine — And soon after, Landed near the old

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Fort, with as many Men as the Boats could

[p2] /take being about 400 - Met with no Opposition

The 2^{d}. Division being Landed - I sent off Maj^{r}: Scott with about 300 Light Infantry & Rangers to make discovery - And advanc'd the Two Companys of Grenadiers to support him in case of necessity - The Maj^{r}: return'd having been above the Falls - he found some few Tracks - But not the Least Signs of any Road, or Path - The Woods very thick & bad marching - The Troops being all landed I or=derd the Tents to be got on shore - And Encamp'd the Two Reg^{ts} just at the Back of the Fort - The Light Infantry & Rangers under Maj^{r}: Scott Encamp'd on the Hill above

Sep^{br}. y^{e} 21st . . . Busy getting Provisions &ca on Shore

Sep^{br}. y^{e} 22^{d} . . . The Detachment of the Train of Ar=tillery Lands, & we get the three Feild Peices on Shore - Send Rogers to Annapolis -

Sep^{br}. y^{e} 24th . . . Having had many Partys out & finding from their several Reports, that it was not practicable for us to Proceed by Land - And over Vessells being too large to Venture the Passage of the Falls & Narrows with them - I determin'd to repair the Old

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Fort & to remain till such time as I could
get proper Vessells - Having already wrote
to the Commanding Offr. at Fort Cumberland
& Annapolis to Press any Schooners or Sloops
that might be at either of those Places; to
have carry'd our Stores & Provisions had/we [p.3.]
found it practicable to have gone up by Land -
In consequence of the above Resolution we began
to Work on the Fort this Day - My reasons for
fixing on this Spot though somewhat Command:
:ed by the Hill on the Back - Were - that it
was so much Work ready done to our Hands -
The Command it would have of the Harbour -
The conveniency of Landing our Stores - And
the great difficultys that would have attended
its being Erected further from the Shore -
Having no Conveniency of moving our Stores
but by Men - Besides as the Season was
so far advanced - And we had still to
go up the River - I thought it best to
fix one what would be soonest done - And
in regard to the Hill that has some Com:
:mand of it - It is only with Cannon,
which the Enemy would find great difficulty
in bringing - And this may hereafter be re:
:medy'd - by Erecting some small Work on it -

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Sepr. ye 30th . . . . Works going on – 600 Men Employ'd Daily – Frequent Party out without any Ma=terial discoveries – Cobb returns from Fort Cum=berland with Capt. Danks's Company of Rangers – five Whale Boats – And nine French Prisoners – from whom I learn – that to have attempted to go up by Land, would have been attended
[p. 4] with/great difficultys – And of the danger there would have been for the Vessells we had with us, to have pass'd the Falls –

Octobr. ye 2d . . . Works as usual Offrs. Barracks rais'd

Octobr. ye 5th . . . Works Continued – Send Cobb to Pisiquid, with some Stores for that Garrison. Send to Annapolis for some Provisions least we should run short – And to borrow some Stores –

Octobr. ye 7th . . . Works as usual – Send the Isabella Transport to Halifax for Provisions –

Octobr. ye 8th . . . Capt. Willock goes up to Sound the Falls – And takes with him Several of the Masters of the Transports – They find Water sufficient – But that the time for Passing is not half an hour in a Tide – And that, at Slack Water – The Tide over the Falls, & at the Narrows very Rapid –

Octobr. ye 10th . . . . Cobb returns from Pisiquid –

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October ye 11th . . . Send Cobb with a Letter for Majr. Morris, whom I had not heard from since his leaving us

October ye 14th . . . The Vessell returns from Annapolis

October ye 15th . . . Works as before - The Pilot Schooner arrives with a Letter from Majr. Morris - Acquainting me that, after having despair'd of meeting with any of the Inhabitants - for want of proper Guides - Capt Gorcham with a Small/party had surpris'd a small Village. [p.5] in which he had Taken One Mr. Disenclave the Priest & between 60 & 70 Men Women & Children - And that he was in hopes, that by means of the Priest we should get in some of them - Cobb returns this Evening without finding Majr. Morris -

October ye 16th . . . Send back the Pilot Schooner to Majr. Morris, And the Transport Ship Alexander the 2d. to carry off the Prisoners A Sloop arrives this Evening with Lumber.

October ye 18th . . . Send the Ship Wade Captn. Miller, to Boston for Stores - Captn. Graeme of my Batn. goes in her for the recovery of his Health -

October ye 21st . . . Works Continued - Having got together, Several Sloops & Schooners & Victual'd

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them – I order Cobb, & Rogers to Pass the Falls – to Cover the other Vessells as they might be able to get through – They accordingly get under Way – Cobb being the Headmost passes the Narrows, but is too late to get over the Falls, & oblig'd to come Too in a little Cove below – The Ulysses Capt. Rogers – In passing the Narrows Strikes on a Rock – And is drove by the Tide into a Creek above Cobb – Where the Vessell sunk in a short time – And it was with great difficulty, the Light Infantry who were in

[p6] her – And Crew were saved – Upon hearing this, & that Cobb did not lay verry safe – I order'd him down again, & verry luckely – for at Low water he would have struck on the Rocks –

October ye. 22d. . . . Gone to see the Ulysses – the Master of the Man of War proposes to try to get her up – A Vessell arrives with Cattle for the Troops –

October ye. 23d. . . The Master of the Man of War tryes but in vain, to get up the Ulysses –

October ye. 24th. . . . The Number of Men for the Works reduc'd to 300

October ye 29th. . . . Having got up all the small Vessells above the Falls – And the Troops Consisting of about 1200 Men – being all Embark'd – I this

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Evening go on Board the York Sloop Capt. Cobb –
Leaving Capt. Bellew of the 35th in Command of the
Troops left behind – Majr. Morris not having
join'd me – The Isabella not being return'd
with the Provisions – I could only take a
fortnights Provision with me – Not leaving
near so much for the Troops left behind –

October ye. 30th. . . . Get under sail in the Morning
but the Wind being contrary, we make but
little Way – The Ordnance Sloop is in danger,
& oblig'd to come to an Anchor in the Bay
just above the Falls – Late this night
I receive Letters from Hallifax / by the Isa= [p.7.]
=bella that was return'd, & at Anchor be=
=low Partridge Island – As the Wind was
against her she could not get into the Har=
=bour – And the Season growing late – I
thought it not prudent for me to wait
to take more Provisions from her – As it
must at least have detain'd me 3 or 4
Days longer –

October ye. 31st. . . . Get under Sail – Cross the Great
Bay & come to an Anchor off a Point Call'd
Pointe aux Tourtres – About 2 Leagues above
Nirapis – Where the French had formerly
a small Fort – The other Vessells came to

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an Anchor below Nirapis -

Novr. ye. 1st. . . . Get under Sail - The Wind being Contrary - we make but little way, come to an Anchor this Evening off an Island. Call'd the Isle aux Garces - the Others dont get up so high - Went on Shore on the Island - Which is a verry fine one - The Wood - Oak - Beach - Birch & Wallnutt - & no under Wood - the River Broad & Water sufficient -

Novr. ye. 2d. . . . Get under Sail Early - A Schooner that was a head - Coming into Shallow Water - And our Pilots telling us, that the Passage here was difficult on Acct. of the Shoals - We came too off Point aux Chaines to

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Sound - Having found / the Channel - We Weigh Anchor again & get under Sail - And come to an Anchor in the Evening, Under an Island Call'd the Great Island - The Country this Day, after passing a few Houses that were some Time past Inhabited by the Robicheaus - is Flatt & well Timber'd - What we had pass'd to that Place being verry Mountainous & Rocky - Went on Shore on the Island, Where we found some Wallnutts - Much like the English Wallnutts . . . .

Novr. ye. 3d. . . . Get under Sail by Day Break

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& this Evening come to an Anchor off the Mouth of Grimrose River – This night I send Capt. Danks with a Party & a Guide, to try to take a Prisoner –

Novbr. ye. 4th. . . . The Party returns without any Prisoner – having been at the Village of Grimrose – Which they found had been but lately Deserted by the Inhabitants – Give Orders for Landing – Having got a Body of about 700 Men on Shore – We march to the further End of the Village – Being about a League – From Whence – by the Tracks we found, we judged that the Inhabitants had but Lately retir'd, & drove off their Cattle – Here we found the Lime that had been taken in a Schooner, in the Spring – Which/ they had landed – [p.9.] As our Pilots suppos'd to lighten the Schooner, to get her higher up or to Hide her in some Creek – As they suppos'd that they would Certainly have carry'd the Lime up to St. Anns would the Depth of the River have admitted of it – It being late in the Day I gave orders for Burning the Houses & Barns, being in all about 50 – And for destroying all the Grain of which there was a good deal, & every thing else, that

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could be of the least Service to the Inhabi=
=tants hereafter - Having Burnt & destroy'd
every thing we March'd Back & reimbark'd.
As we were Disembarking in the Morning,
some Canoes were seen Crossing the Island
of Gimrose River - And, near where we landed
there had lately been some Birch Canoes
made - Much Cleard Land here - Fine
Country - This Village, was settled by the
Inhabitants of Beau Sejour, when drove
off from thence in 1755. . . . . .

Nov.r y.e 5.th . . . . Got under Sail about, & Con=
=tinue our Course up the River - Come
to an Island - Calld by the French the
Isle of Mettis - Our Pilots refuse taking the
Charge of the Vessells any higher - As they
[p.10] did not think, that there was Water enough
for us to pass - A Small Schooner which we
Constantly keep a head of us, & in which was
a Man, that had been taken Prisoner two
Years ago & Carry'd up this River - Having
taken the Starboard Channel - Came Too,
having but about Six feet Water - Capt. Cobb
seeing this, immediately stod for the other Chan=
=nel - But soon got a Ground, as did Several
of the other Transports - but it being a Sandy

Bottom, they all soon got off again - The Wind coming right a Head we stood back a little, to get clear of the Shoals, & came to an An=chor about 4 Miles below the Carrying place, that Crosses the Neck to Grimrose River - In the Evening Order'd the Transports to send their Boats on Shore to Cut Wood - And sent out Capt. Mc Curdy to destroy whatever he might come upon - There we found some Cattle, which we kill'd, & divided amongst the Transports.

Nov.r 6th. . . . Early this Morning, I sent Capt.s Danks & Brewer with their Companys to Burn some Houses above the Head of Grim=rose River - And Capt. Mc Curdy with his Company over to Jimsege, to destroy all Houses & Grain that he might find - And to kill the Cattle - having seen several as we pass'd by - [p. 11] This Settlement had been abandon'd some Years past, by most of the Inhabitants - On account of its being overflow'd in the Spring by the Freshes - The Wind continuing right a Head, the Pilots still refusing to Pilot the Vessells any further, for the reasons aforemention'd - And this being the 8th. Day of a Fortnights Provisi=on - I thought of returning - But first sent Capt Rogers'

of the late Ulysses, & a Mate of the Squirrell Man of War, who went up with us – to Sound the Larboard Channel – Which we found must be the Channel to pass, if any – Upon their Return they Reported that there was a Bank – On which they could not find more than Six Feet Water – that ran from the Point of the Isle of Mettis, quite over to the Larboard Shore – Upon this, Report – The Wind at N W, & right aHead, – The Water being quite fresh, & Little Tide – therefore Liable to be soon froze over – Our Provisions above half Expended – I determin'd to Return, & destroy every thing we could in our Way down; We therefore got under Way – When we came off Jemoege – We came

[p. 12] to an Anchor – Where Mr. Curdy had burnt some Houses – And we Kill'd some Cattle he had found – We then Weigh'd Anchor again, & fell down opposite a few Houses – Call'd Villerays, where we remain'd this night & burnt all the Houses about it – Danks & Brewer whom I had order'd after burning the Houses, to March down the Neck & kill all the Cattle they met with – Return'd late this Evening – And reported that they came across 3 or 4 french Men.

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that were driving off about 40 Head of Cattle - that the Men made their Escape - But that they kill'd most of the Cattle - And had burnt the Houses -

Novbr. ye. 7th. . . . Get under Sail before Day break - Send a small Party on Shore to burn Robi:cheaus - Came to an Anchor this Night, a little below the Isle aux Garcis -

Novbr. ye. 8th. . . . Get under Sail Early - A Hard Gale at N West - Get to an Anchor at the place from whence we Embark'd just above the Falls - About 12 o'Clock Some others of the Vessells get down Likewise - In the Evening I cross'd over/to the Fort - where I found Majr. Morris, [p. 13] who had got there a few days before - But had not been able to get in any more of the Inhabitants - Of whom there are Still on the Cape Sable Shore, about 130 Men, Women & Children, And but verry few Indians - he had Embarkd the Prisoners on board the Transport I sent him - And had orderd her for Hallifax -

Novbr. ye. 10th. . . . Works Continued - The Wade Captn. Miller returns from Boston, by whom I re:ceiv'd Lt. Colonel Robertsons Letter of the 30th. October -

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Nov.r ye 11th . . . The last of the Vessells did not ar=
=rive from up the River till this Day - As
it was likely to take some time to settle
the Distribution & many other things before
I could leave this - I sent off Majr. Scott,
this Morning with the Light Infantry
& Rangers for the River Pitcondiack Where,
I was inform'd that the Privateer Schooner,
& one of her Prizes were lay'd up - With Orders
to bring them off, & any Inhabitants he
might take - And to burn & destroy all
Houses, Barns, Cattle, Grain &c that he
might find - And in his return to Send
[p. 14] Capt. Danks's Company / to Fort Cumberland -
As my Batn. was so deficient of Officers, I
found my self under a necessity of fixing on
the 35th. Regt. for the Bay And as follows -
Majr. Morris with three Companys to
remain in the Fort - Lt. Col. Fletcher
with five to go to Annapolis Royal, & two
to Ft. Edward Pisiquid -

Nov.r ye 15th . . . . Capt. Fletcher with two Com=
=panys Embarks for Pisiquid - Send Orders
by him, for the Company of the 43d. to go
in one of the Transports for Fort Cumber=
=land - And the Detachment of the 3d. Batn.

R. A. R to Hallifax -

Nov.r y.e 17th - - - Capt.n Adams arrives from Halli=
=fax with Provisions - By him receive Let=
=ters of the 9th & 10th from Gen.l Amherst -

Nov.r y.e 17th - - - The Visct Falmouth Transport
with the Stores, & Detachment of the Train
of Artillery - Excepting 1 Offic.r 1 Corp.l 1 Bom.r
2 Gunners & 10 Matrosses left for the Gar=
=rison - Sail for Boston - Late this Night
Maj.r Scott returns from Petcoudiack, &
brings with him the Schooner & Sloop, &
about 30 Men, Women, & Children - He
found the Schooner & Sloop in two dif=
=ferent Creeks near the Head of the
River - By the Reports of the Several
Partys the Maj.r Sent out, they destroy'd [p. 15]
upwards of 150 Houses & Barns - Much
Grain, & a good many Cattle - The Houses
had been but very lately Evacuated - One
Lieut.t Mc Cormack of Capt.n Mc Curdy's
Company, with three of his Men, & two of
the Light Infantry of the 35th Straggling
too far, were taken - By the Prisoners
the Maj.r Learnt that the Captain of
the Privateer was at Mirimichi - getting
a Wound in his Heel Cur'd - Which he

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had got in the Spring When Capt.: Danks's Company of Rangers fell in with a Party of them — They Likewise told him, that there were Upwards of 200 Indians, when we landed at St. Johns River — but that their Chief would not suffer them to Fire, but retir'd with them up the River — That upon their Return to Vauckpack, their Settlement — About two Leagues above St Ans — Pere Germain their Priest Expecting, as he term'd it — Quelque Coup de Trahi=son from them — March'd them off for Canada — Some of the Prisoners that had been used to the River St. Johns told Majr. Scott that the River was not Navigable above the Island of Mettis but for very small Vessells —

Novr. 20th. . . . The Ld. Blakeney Transport Sails

[p.16] for New York with the Recruiting Offrs. of the 35th. & my Battn. — The Sick of the 35th. Sail for Annapolis The Rest of the Transports that came with us, Excepting such as were to take my Batn. to Hallifax — I discharge them according to their Charter Partys — Make use of the Small Vessells for the Troops destin'd for the Garrisons up the Bay —

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The Whole of the Troops being Embark'd that is to say the 2d. Batn. R A R for Hallifax – And Lieut. Colonel Fletcher with 5 Companys for Annapolis – Majr. Morris being to remain with three – And Having given all the Necessary Orders – I went on Board the Squirrel Man of War this Evening – The Fuele of the Garrison not being as yet Layd in – I leave the three Companys of Rangers, Viz Mc. Curdys, Starks, & Brewers – And as by Genl. Amherst's Orders, they were not to go to the Continent I order'd that Capt. Mc. Curdys Company should Hutt & remain the Winter & the other two, after Compleating the Wood, to come to Hallifax in the Vessells I had left them – Capt. Gorham with the remaining few of his Company I order into the Prize Sloop – And Capt. Rogers on Board the Prize Scoon where/the Prisoners were – [p. 17.]

Novbr. ye. 21st. . . . Early this Morning the Vessells Sail for Annapolis – And about ten we get under Sail for Hallifax –

Robt. Monckton

Colonel Commt. 2d. Batn. R A R –

To His Excellency Majr. Genl. Amherst

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New York January 24th. 1759.

Sir

As Major of Brigade Halkett arrived here last night from Brigadier General Forbes, I send him directly to overtake Major General Abercromby on board the Kennington who is not yet got quite out of this Harbour.

I intend to go to Philadelphia for a few days, so soon as a Packet boat arrives from England and that my Business here will permit me.

I have nothing further to add Sir, to my Letter of the 15th Inst. which I have sent by M. Genl. Abercromby, but to assure you I will do every thing I can for the good of His Majesty's Service, and to prove myself on every occasion with the greatest Respect

Sir

Your most Humble
and Most Obedient
Servant
Jeff: Amherst

Right Honorable Mr. Pitt.

Endorsed M Genl Amherst Janv 24th / 1759. /
in M. Genl. Amherst's of / Feb. 4. 1759

New York February 4th 1759.

Sir

Major Halkett not having been able to overtake the Kennington, returned here, and I now dispatch him on board the Packet, as Br General Forbes is extreamly anxious for his departure and desires I would send him in the Packet or in the first Ship I could hire.

I am taking all the Steps I can, towards preparing every thing for an active Campaign, I have put things off to the last moment that I might not incurr any Expences but what are absolutely necessary, as the arrival of a Packet from England might make some alterations, but I must now begin or I shall be too late, and as Batteau Men will be absolutely wanted I can't defer any longer appointing the proper Persons for that Service, I have therefore been obliged to advertize for them, as well as for a Number of Waggoners, and as it appears to me to be better and cheaper for His Majesty's Service to build a number of Carts and Waggons instead of depending intirely on those of the Country, I have ordered Lt Col Bradstreet to prepare the proper Workmen for executing

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that service.

Nothing material has happened since the Letter I had the honour of writing to you by M: Genl. Abercromby.

Br General Forbes writes me word that he has reinforced the Garrison of Pittsburgh to 450 Men and supposes them free from all Insult, that he has found the Enemy's Can=:non which were thrown into the river and had ordered them to be mounted on the Fort.

in the last letter which I received from Br Forbes by Sr John St. Clair he sent me a Copy of an Indian Conference held at Pitts=:burgh, and a Letter from Col: Mercer command=:ing Officer there, Copys of which I send you inclosed.

Br Forbes presses extreamly My going to Philadelphia, which I intend to do as soon as a Packet arrives from England & I shall desire to meet there the Governours of Virginia, Maryland, Pensilvania, Jersey and this Province to settle the indian af=:fairs in the best Manner we can, and se=:cure them to His Majesty's interest.

The Rose Man of War arrived here the 1st Instant but the Provision Ships under

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her Convoy are not yet come in.

I have been obliged, Sir, to have a general Court Martial held for the Trial of several deserters, and found myself forced to confirm the sentence for the execution of Two, one of Lt General Lascelles Regt. and another of Br General Gage's light Infantry, that His Ma=jestys Service may not suffer, and I hope this will put a Stop to desertion which was much too frequent in the Army.

I imagine it cannot be long before Br General Monckton arrives here, as I wrote to him on the 5th of last Month to repair here, as Br Forbes's State of health was so very bad, that if an accident happened to him I might give Br Monckton that command, and I believe there are many accounts to settle which in case of death to Br Forbes the Government might be great Sufferers if they were not properly looked into. I send you enclosed a duplicate of My Letter which M. General Abercromby has taken with him, and my Letter of the 24th which I had sent by Major Halkett.

I am with the utmost Respect / Sir

Your most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
Jeff: Amherst.

Rt. Honble. Mr. Pitt.

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Pittsburg Jan^ry. 8th. 1759.—

Sir /

I have sent enclosed, for Your Excellency's Perusal, the Minutes of Conferences held here with nine Chiefs of the Six Nations, Shaw=anese & Delaware Indians.

What the Chiefs of the Six Nations deliverd in Private, appear'd to be of such Consequence that I have lost no time in Com=municating it, and as Capt. Ward is the only Person here, that understands any thing of their Language, he accompanies two of these Chiefs, as Interpreter.

The Intelligence they bring is, that twelve considerable Nations of Indians, in=habiting on the other side Lake Erie, are entirely in the French Interest, and engaged by them to cut off the Six Na=tions, as Allies to the English. — This Stroke they have Reason to dread, as they are by no Means that powerful & warlike People, they were on our first Set=tling America, and shou'd the Shawanese and Delawares join in the Confederacy against them, their Ruin wou'd soon be compleated, unless a very Powerful Aid is

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afforded them by the English. — This Support from us they come now to Supplicate, but are obliged to conceal this Design of waiting on Your Excellency, as well from the Shawanese & Delawares, as from the French, for they observe too great an Intimacy still subsists between these. At the same Time they appear to be convinced that the French may be easily drove from this Country, that one or two Defeats will make the Indians drop their Alliance, and universally join the English.

The Strength of the Enemy at Venango, does not Amount to One Hundred; At the Carrying Place & Presqu' Isle, both the Garrisons don't make up that Number.

Their Magazine of Provisions and Arms is forming a little above Kuskuskies, as most convenient for assembling the Lake Indians to fall Down on this Place; They may from thence move in Consort with a Body from Venango, if they propose bringing Artillery, for the two Places are about an equal Distance from us.

Not a Word of this we have heard from the Delawares, tho' Hundreds of them from that Place have been here, living upon us at a very great Expence of Provisions, and pretend=ing the utmost Friendship, they have alarmed

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us by their Accounts of the Force at Venango, ready to fall down the River, but carefully concealed every Circumstance, that wou'd make their own Villainy & Treachery appear.

It is However necessary for us to keep fair with them, till such Time as a sufficient Force is sent to defeat any Designs the Enemy can form on this River; Then, and not before, the Delaware & Shawanese Indians, from pretended, will become real Friends.

I mention'd in my Letter to Col. Bouquet, the Necessity of sending an Interpreter here, with a large Assortment of Indian Goods; the constant Solicitations of all our Friends oblige me again to repeat it, as a Measure equally necessary to gain the Indian Interest, as a Body of Troops is to secure the Country

Give me Leave to Hint to Your Excellency, that those Chiefs of the Six Nations, expect some Genteel Presents rather to testify the Generosity of the English to their Countrymen, at their Return Home, than to satisfy their Own Avarice. I have the Honour to be, Sir, / Your Excellency's most obedient Servant

Addressed to Brig. Gen. Forbes.

(Sign'd) Hugh Mercer

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Minutes of Conferences held at Pittsburg with the Indians.

January the third in the Evening, arrived two Indian Runners, with a String of black and white Wampum, signifying to me, that Nine Chiefs of the Six Nations, Shawanese and Delawares, from a Town up the Ohio, about one Hundred Miles, above Venango, near the Boughelloons, would be here tomorrow, with forty of their Attendance; Accordingly the fourth in the Evening they arrived; One of them producing Six Strings of Wampum told us that he came from Keayough the King or great Chief of Kanawagogh, that these Men were his Councillors. Then taking the String he proceeded.

Brothers,

The Cloud that was before our Eyes is now removed, and we see clearly, our Ears are opened and we are ready to hear what You may & every ill Thing that was in our Hearts, is now removed, and we come in Friendship to see You; I give this String in Behalf of the Six Nations, Shawanese & Delawares.

Next Morning, the following Chiefs being present, with the Commanding Officer, &

Captains Waggener and Ward, vizt.

1. Cannewaungh
2. Tagowinne
3. Auinne Onw
4. Soroyeyough
5. Ouistogah, or Captain Peter.
6. Tecanushatigh
7. Oecondenagh, the Chief Councillor,
8. Acqueatinquish
9. Canigaatt, the White Mingo
10. Snakes Son, Interpreter in Shawanee.
11. Jo: Hickman, Interpreter in English.

The Speaker, taking out five Strings of Wampum said, our King and great Men at Conuahaga heard that their Friends the English & Delawares had Ta-ked (sic) together, and we are come to see & talk with you likewise. We are sorry that we cannot understand one another, but as much as we can make plain to You, we will let you know. The Delawares told us, that they and their Brothers the English had be=come acquainted and had shaken Hands here, and we are come from Our Town to become acquainted with, and shake Hands with Our Brothers likewise. We represent

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three Nations, the Six Nations, Shawanese & Delawares; We desire to know of You, what the English said to the Delawares, when You first came here. –

The Sixth in the Forenoon, the Officers of the Garrison, and the above named Chiefs, and a good Many other Indians being present, the Commanding Officer presented them with Six Strings of Wampum, telling them that they were wellcome, that he was glad that they cou'd see one another with cheerful Faces. and unite their Hands & Hearts as firmly as never to be seperated any more; then he related to them the Substance of what Col. Bouquet had delivered in his Treaty with the Delawares here, as far as it cou'd be collected from one of the Delawares, to wit, Kaukauseung, who was present at the Treaty. The Chiefs then said they woud speak tomorrow, whatever they had further to say.

In the Evening of the same Day, Five of the Head Councillors, all of the Six Nations, came privately to the Commanding Officers Tent, who being present with Capt. Ward, was informed by them they were to unbosom

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themselves and freely open their Minds to us. That what they had to say was all for Our Good, but is to be kept Private from the Delawares & Shawanese; then taking out Eight Strings of Wampum proceeded.:-

Brothers,

The Delawares and Shawanese are not yet to be depended upon, they may tell what=ever they know to the French.

Brothers, I am glad that we are of one Mind, that we have joined Hands; This Wampum is to assure you that my Heart is become one with Yours, therefore be strong, & be assured of my Friendship.-

Gave Eight Strings of Wampum.

Brothers, I have listen'd attentively to your Words, they are good, they are gone down into my Heart, and are not to be removed, I return you Thanks for them by this String.

Gave Six Strings.

Brothers, Take good Heed to what we are to say it is of the Greatest Importance, therefore Listen and be Attentive.

Brothers, Listen, I am hard put to it, the French are but a little Way beyond my Town, perhaps they may come and Kill me,

I dont know how soon they may strike me.
Brothers, be strong, now is the Time to drive them from this Country, tell Your great Man to be strong and come and fight them, that we may live in Peace as formerly; The French will talk to the Tawway and their other Indians, and set them on. They are so nigh that one of them sits on my Shoulder, and the other on my Arm; but be strong, let Your Men come soon and fight Strong, for the French are not many, Write to the great Man, he must be attentive and be strong, he must run and bring a great Body with him, otherwise both You and us will be killed, a few Men won't do, for there are many Indians, now is their Time. —
Brothers, listen to these Words, they come from the Bottom of my Heart, we expect you will take Notice of them, and not disregard our Words as you have done formerly.
Brothers, Come immediately with a great many Men, otherwise these will be the last Words we will speak, for both you and we will be killed.

Gave Six Strings.—

Brothers, The French Say they have a House

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with Provisions stored up, and Arms deposited at Kuskuskies, they give out, that they will soon be here. and say, that You are bringing Flour & Meat to this Place which will soon be theirs; What we say comes from Our Hearts; be strong, they will be here in One Month, perhaps in Less; do not lose a Minute, for when You are struck, we shall certainly be so too. Gave five Strings.-

Then taking up a long Belt, he pro=ceeded, -

Brothers, this Belt the French sent, to in=vite me to come from my Town, to Venango, and on my Coming he said the English are come to Ohio, go & discharge them from living there, tell them to be Gone.

Brothers, I took the Belt to carry it here, & tell You, but not a Word of it has en=tered my Lips, the Words it contains do not concern me, I regard them not.

Brothers, tomorrow I will talk upon this before the Delawares and Shawanese, You are not to mind what is said then, it is outside my Lips, but what is now said be attentive to, for it Comes from my Heart.-

Brothers, Tomorrow I will give You that

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Belt, to return home to your own Country, but You are to return it back to me and tell me at the same Time, that You are resolved to stay here and fight the French, till they are drove off from this Country.

The Seventh in the afternoon the Officers of the Garrison, and a good many Indians being pre=:sent, One of the Chiefs of the Six Nations, tak=:ing out a Belt of Wampum said, we heard the English say when they came here, that they came with an Intention to kill the French here, or to drive them away, and that as soon as the English had killed or drove of the French, they would Return back to their own Country. Brothers, Your great Man said, that as soon as the French was drove intirely away from this Country, he would send and invite and bring all Sorts of Nations of Indians to this Place, and there would establish a strong & lasting Peace, and Friendship with all the Indians, and as soon as he had done this he would return home.– Brothers, We met yesterday and talked together in this Place; the Six Nations, Delawares, and Shaw=:anees then joined in a strong Friendship with You, and now they say you must leave this Place and go home, and when you are at home,

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provide Goods to send to trade with us.

Deliver'd the Belt.

Colo. Mercer answer'd

Brothers, The great Man told you, that when he had drove the French entirely out of the Country, he wou'd then send for all the Indians, and make a lasting Peace and Friendship with them, and afterwards go home.

Brothers, The French are not gone from this Country, they are just at Our Door and give out, that they will soon return to this Place.

Our Great Man's Words are true, as soon as the French are gone he will make a Treaty with all the Indians, and then go home, but the French are Still here.

Brothers, We know the French better than you do, shou'd we go now they wou'd return immediately, our great Man has order'd me to Stay here, if the French shou'd come I will be strong and make them run away once more.

Brothers, When the French came here they made no Quarrel with our good old Friends, and by so doing they have hurt both You and us, your Brothers the English are a great People, their Eyes are now open'd and while the Sun shines, & the Rivers run, we will never suffer a Frenchman

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to set here.

Brothers, I return you this Belt, what You have now said must be told to General Forbes, if You have a Mind to send this Belt to him, I will send one along with You. –

The Six Nation Chief said. –

Brothers,

Listen and be attentive to what I say, I am sorry that You have returned the Belt which I gave you, but if You will give me one Cagg of Rum, I shall feel perfectly well again.

Hugh Mercer

Copy

Pittsburg 8th. January 1759

Endorsed Copy / Minutes of Conferences held with the Indians at Pittsburg / Jany 8th 1759 / in M. Genl. Amherst's of / Feb. 4. 1759

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New York February 28th: 1759.

Sir

I had the honour on the 15th instant to receive your two Letters of the 9th of December by the Leicester Packet, Captain Morris who arrived here that day, at the same time I received the Copys of the circular Letters to the several Governors and of a separate one to the Lieut. Governor of this Province, which Letters I immediately dispatched by express and wrote to the different Gover=nours as you will see by the enclosed.

I am very happy that the Steps I have taken towards preparing for the Campaign, of which I acquainted you in my Letter of the 4th Instant by Major Halkett, do so exactly agree with the Kings orders which you have sent me, and I beg leave to assure you, that I shall take the ut=most care in forwarding every thing ac=cording to His Majestys gracious intentions, that every thing may be ready for the en=suing Campaign, and without incurring more expences than what are absolutely necessary.

it was my first care on My arrival here to order all the Arms in the Regiments

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should be repaired and made fit for Service, as well as those which are in Store, and as I brought with me from Louisbourg to Boston 500 light french arms, I intend to deliver them to the light Infantry of the Regimts. here, which with those arms that have been already delivered to the light Infantry of the Regiments which came from Louisburg and some I am picking up here, I hope to compleat the whole with proper arms, and this will, I think, make up for the deficiencys of Arms lost and rendered unserviceable in the Regiments here during the last Campaign, exclusive of what arms were returned by the provincial Troops in the delivery of which they were far from being so regular as they ought to have been, but I imagine with what have been returned, were left in Store, and those they will bring with them the whole may be compleated.

M General Abercromby will undoubtedly have given you the Plan and informed you of the full State of the Fort, which has been built at the Oneida carrying Place, which certainly was very much wanted there for the protection of His Majestys Subjects on the Mohawk

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river & the Inhabitants of that country and will facilitate greatly any operations that may here=after be carryed on from that side: nothing has yet been done of this sort at Lake George, but I have instantly on the receipt of your Letter directed Col: Montresor to draw out such a plan as he thinks will most suit the properest and best Situation of the ground there, and to command that part of the Lake, that a Fort may be erected for the defence and Security of that Post, for the execution of which I shall have all due attention when time will permit, and without losing one moment that may be employed in acting offensively against the Enemy; and I shall not omitt any occasion of beginning and forwarding the Fort, when the Service will allow of it, which I humbly presume is His Majesty's Intention, and I enclose a plan for the intended Fort.

I have in obedience to the King's Pleasure acquainted Lt Colonel Bradstreet and the Officers and Men employed under him of His Majesty's most particular satisfac=tion at his Zeal and bravery and of their good behaviour in the Enterprize against

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Cadaraqui.

I have forwarded all the provision that could be spared from Albany to Fort Edward, and the Posts of communication between those places where there was cover, as likewise some to Schenectady, and I have directed Mr. Kilby to send provisions to Albany as soon and as fast as possible.

I have reinforced the Garrison of Fort Edward with 200 Men as likewise the Posts of Communication and have marched the late Lord Howes Regiment into Albany, and am sending M Genl Abercrombys from long Is=
=land to replace the late Lord Howes in their cantonment, this is all the change that has been made in the quarters of the Troops.

The french Indians have appeared once, and contrary to my Intentions have got away unpunished, they came on the 1st Instant at 2 o'Clock in the afternoon, were divided in two Bodys, one of which posted a mile and a half above Fort Edward attacked two Rangers returning from a Scout, killed and scalped one, the other got back wounded: the other Body which had

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hid themselves along the bank of the River opposite the Royal block House fell on some Soldiers who were in search of wood, against orders that had been given, one Man was Killed and a Corporal taken Prisoner, one Ranger missing who was supposed to be out to hunt and to fall into their hands. Col: Haldiman Sent out a Party of 140 Men in pursuit of them, but could not get up with them, the party returned at night with several things the Enemy dropped in their flight, supposed by their tracks they were about 50 or 60. I hope if another occasion should offer we shall find 'tis not impossible to overtake these Scoundrels.

Sir Wm Johnson promises a large body of Indians for this next Campaign, and I shall take those of Stockbridge &c which were employed last year; they are a Pack of lazy rum drink=ing People and little good, but if ever they are of use it will be when we can act offensively: the french are much more afraid of them than they need be, Numbers will increase their Terror and may have a good Effect.

The Army here is very healthy, and

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by the last letters I have from Br General Lawrence, a surprizing change has happened for the better in the health of the Regiments at Halifax. the recruiting does not go on with all the success I could wish, but all shall be done that can be done, and I send you enclosed the numbers of the different Regiments from the last returns I have received, by which you will see the State of each Regiment when those returns were made.

The last Accounts of Br General Forbes give but very little hopes of his recovery, he was confined to his bed, had lost all appetite, and gave it over himself.

I intended to have kept the Rose Man of War here 'til I had received an answer from Governor Pownall to your Letter, but by one I have received from him, he acquaints me he has prorogued the Court to the end of this month, I therefore think it better not to detain His Majesty's Ship Rose any longer, but to inform you Sir, of the state of things, as they at present are, and probably by the time I receive an answer from Governour Pownall, the Packet boat may be ready to sail.

Colonel Prevost goes in the Rose Man of war for England, Br General Stanwix is here, Br

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General Gage is at Albany, and I expect every day that Br General Monckton will arrive here from Halifax.

I enclose to you, Sir, Copys or Extracts of all the Letters I have either received or wrote, which I judge are any wise so material as to make it necessary to send them to you.

I am with the utmost Respect
Sir
Your most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
Jeff: Amherst

Rt Honble Mr Pitt

Endorsed New York. Feby 28th 1759 / Majr Genl Amherst / Ry March 30th by Colo Prevost

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Schedule of Papers referr'd to in Major General Amherst's Letter to Mr. Secretary Pitt; dated at New York Feb: 28th 1759.

1 Major General Amherst's Circular Letter to the Governors of New Hampshire, Massachusets Bay Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, and New Jersey, in Consequence of Mr. Pitt's Letter of the 9th December - - - - - - Feb: 16th 1759

2 Do. - - to the Governors of Pensylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, in Consequence of Do. - - - - - Same Date

3 Do. - - - to the Governors of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, in Consequence of Do. - - - - - - - Same Date

4 - - - Major General Amherst's Letter to Govr. Wentworth about garrisoning the Posts about No. 4 - - - - - Feb: 5th

5 Govr. Pownall to M. G. Amherst (Extract) about the Measure of granting Men for the use of the Fleet - - - - - Jan: 31st

6. Charles Wm. Apthrop to Govr. Pownall, (enclosed) Jan: 29th

7 Gen. Amherst to Govr. Pownall, (Extract) Thanks for the Act which he had enacted for the Benefit of His Majesty's Recruiting Parties in the Province of the Massa=

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:chusetts Bay &c. . . . . . Feb: 2d.

8.. D. . . to D. (Extract) in Answer to the Govrs of the 31st Jany. . . . Feb: 12th.

9 D. . . to Mr. Apthorp, in Answer to his, enclosed in Govr. Pownall's, of 29th Jany. Same Date

10. Govr. Pownall to M. G. Amherst, relative to the State of Mind the House of Represen:tatives have got into, form'd upon the flying Reports of Peace, and the Uncer:tainty of the Operations of War, &c. .. Feb: 13th.

11. Govr. Fitch to M. G. Amherst, in Answer to the General's Circular Letter of the 16th of Feby. Feb: 19th.

12. Governor Hopkins to D. (an Extract) in Answer to the General's Circular Let:ter of the 13th Decr. . . . . Jan: 15th.

13 Govr. Delancey to D. in Answer to the Generals Circular Letter of the 16th Febry. . . . Feb: 17th.

14. Govr. Bernard to D. Feb: 17th & 20th.

15 D. to D. } In Answer to the General's Circular Letter of the 16th Feb. Feb: 21st.

16 Gen. Amherst to Govr. Bernard Feb: 24th.

17 D. to D. } In Answer to the two foregoing — Feb: 26th.

18. Govr. Sharpe to Major Gen: Amherst in Answr. to his Circular Letter of the 13th December Jan: 26th.

19 Govr. Fauquier to D. in Answer to his Circular Letter of the 13th December Jan: 24th.

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20 Govr. Dobbs to Do. Relative to the Distribution of the £50,000 Bounty given by the Parliament to North & South Carolina and Virginia - - - - - - Decr. 16th. 1758

21 Sums raised by the Province of North Carolina for the Aid of the other Colonies since 1753 enclosed in Govr. Dobbs's of 16th. December

22 Major General Amherst to Govr. Dobbs, in Answer to the foregoing - - - - Feb. 14th. 1759

23 Govr. Ellis to Major General Amherst, (Extract) relative to the Keeping up or disbanding the Troops of Rangers raised for the Defence of Georgia Decr. 10th. 1758.

24 - Major General Amherst to Govr. Ellis, in Answer to the Same - - - Feb. 19th. 1759.

25 Do. . . to Sr. William Johnson, to endeavour to prevail on the Indians to bring in their own Arms, upon a reasonable Allowance being made to them for the Same - - - - - - - Feb 11th.

26 Sr. William Johnson to Gen. Amherst, acquainting him with the approaching Meeting of the Six Nations, hopes that the Result thereof will be productive of favourable Consequences &ca - - - - Feb. 16th.

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27. M. G. Amherst to Sr. Wm. Johnson, in Answer thereto. Feb: 26th.

28. Extract of a Letter from Capt. Dixon to Col. Bastide, Decr. 12th. 1758. State of the Fortifications of Louisbourg, transmitted by Col. Bastide to Major Genl. Amherst. Feb: 3d.

29. Capt. Dudgeon, Engineer, to Major General Amherst, acquainting him with having the King's Order, and Instructions from the Board of Ordnance to repair to South Carolina in Quality of Engineer; with the General's Orders to Him in Consequence thereof. Feb 15th. 59

30. Major Gen Amherst to Capt. Loring, Orders for the building of 50 Whale Boats Feb: 1st.

31. Capt. Loring to Major Gen. Amherst; Answer thereto. Feb 15th.

32. Major Gen. Amherst to Capt. Loring, further Orders upon the Same Feb 26th.

33. Intelligence about the taking of Guardeloupe . . . . . Feb: 28th.

34 Capt. Campbell of His Majestys Ship Nightingale, to M. G. Amherst, advising him of His having struck upon a Sand, and having received such Damage, that he

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cou'd not proceed in her to Carolina,
whither he was bound, untill she
was repaired, for which purpose
he was returned into Port . . Feb: 27th:

35 Return of the Troops serving in North
America for January & Feb: 1759. –

Endorsed Schedule of Papers refer'd to / in Majr: Gen. Amherst's letter / to Mr: Secry: Pitt dated at New York / Feb: 28th: 1759 / in M: G: Amherst's of Feby: 28th: / 1759

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New York, 16th Feb: 1759.

Sir,

I Yesterday had the honor of receiving a Letter from Mr. Secretary Pitt, bearing date the 9th of December last, signifying to me, that His Majesty had Judged it Expedient to dispatch his Orders to the several Governors in North America, for Levying the same, or a greater number, if possible, of Men, than they did for the last Campaign; And, at the same Time, enclosed to me the Copies of his Circular Letters to the Northern and Southern Governors, on that Subject, wherein the King's Directions are so fully stated, that I can have little else to add, than my most Earnest Recommendations to You, forthwith to use your utmost Endeavors and Influence with the Council and Assembly of your Province, to Induce them to raise with all possible dispatch, within Your Government, at least as large a Body of Men, as they did for the last Campaign, and even as many more as the number of its Inhabitants may allow; in which I should hope You will prove the more successfull, as I have already prepared You for it so long ago as by my Letter of the 13th of December last, and that agreeable to your desire, the Services for which these

Troops are required, are pointed out in Mr. Pitt's Letter, the knowledge of which, You mentioned, would give great success to the Levies; At the same time I must not Omit Cautioning You, that as Secrecy, in all Enterprizes on particular places, is of the greatest importance, You will use all proper discretion, in communicating, by Name, any of the immediate Objects, pointed out by Mr. Pitt, further than to such persons to whom it may be necessary, for the good of the service, confidentaly to entrust the same.

As I propose to begin the Operations of the Ensuing Campaign so soon as the Season will permit me, and, if possible, much earlier, than the first of May, I must, notwithstanding Mr. Pitt's Letter, desire that the Troops of Your Province may be at Albany by the tenth of April at farthest.

I Must likewise particularly recommend to You, the strict and immediate Observance of His Majesty's directions relative to the Collecting and putting into the best Condition, all the Arms issued last Campaign, and that have not been returned, which can be any way ren=dered serviceable, or that can be found within Your Gov=ernment, in order that the same may be Employed, as far as they will go in this Exigency.

And as most People in North America have Arms of their Own, which from their being accustomed

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to, and being so much lighter than the Tower Arms, must be more agreeable and proper for them, I do, as an Encouragement for their coming provided with them, Engage to pay for every One of those they shall so bring and that may be spoiled, or lost in actual service, at the rate of 25/s a Firelock, which I under=stand was allowed last Campaign.

I am, &ca.

Copy of
M: Gen: Amherst's Circular Letter
To The Gov.rs of Massachusets Bay, Newhampshire, Con=necticut, Rhode Island, New York & New Jersey.

Endorsed Copy of / Maj: Gen: Amherst's / Circular Letter / To the Governors of / Massachusets Bay. / Newhampshire. / Connecticut. / Rhode Island. / New York, and New Jersey. / Feb: 16th 1759. / in M: G: Amherst's of Feby. 28th / 1759. / 1.

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New York 16th February 1759

Sir

I Yesterday had the Honour of receiving a Letter from Mr. Secretary Pitt bearing date the 9th of December last. Signifying to me that His Majesty had judged it expedient to dispatch his Orders to the Several Governors in North America for Levying the Same or a greater Number if possible of Men than they did for the last Campaign; and at the Same time enclosed to me Copies of his Circular Letters to the Northern and Southern Governors on that Subject, wherein the Kings directions are so fully Stated that I can have little else to add, than my most earnest Recommendations to You, forthwith to use Your utmost endeavours & Influence with the Council and Assembly of your Province, to induce them to raise with all possible dispatch, within Your Government, at least as large a Body of Men, as they did for the last Campaign, and even as many more as the Number of its Inhabitants may Allow; in which I should hope you will prove the more Successfull as I have already prepared you for it, so long ago as by my Letter of the 13th of December last.

NB The words underlined were omitted in the Letter to Govr. Sharpe

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I must likewise particularly recommend to You the strict and immediate Observance of His Majesty's Directions relative to the Collecting and putting into the best Condition all the Arms issued last Campaign and that have not been returned, which can be any way rendered Serviceable, or that can be found within Your Government, in Order that the Same may be employed as far as they will go in this Exigency

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To The Govrs. of Pensylvania Maryland & Virginia

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New York 16th. February 1759.

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I am Sir &c -

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New York, 8th. Feb. 1759.

Sir,

I Deferr'd acknowledging the Receipt of Your Letter of the 25th. of December, until I had something to Communicate to You, which now Offers, by the Petition lately delivered to Me, by Mr. Bellows, in the behalf of the Inhabitants of Walpole, Great Meadow, Canoe Meadow, Fort Dummer and Winchester, setting forth the distressed situation they are in, thro' Capt. Swett and a Company of the New Hampshire Regiment, who at the Instance of M: G: Abercromby had been sent there sometime in June last for their Protection, having returned home ever since the beginning of November, without so much as leaving One Man for their Security and defence, whereby they labor under the greatest apprehensions of being molested by the Enemy, and obliged to abandon their Settlements.

Altho' from (upon a like Representation of the Inhabitants of No. 4.) my having sent One of His Majesty's Independent Companys, and some Rangers to occupy and garrison the several Posts and Blockhouses on that side the Connecticut River, I have reason to think the Inhabitants of Walpole, &ca. less exposed and much better secured than they seem to fear; Yet, to quiet the minds of those poor People, and prevent their quitting their Settlements, I think it is necessary that One hundred Men, with

proper Officers should be forthwith sent thither, with Instruc=
=tions to keep a Watchfull Eye over the motions of the
Enemy, and by frequent Scouts, endeavor to intercept any
small Parties of them, that might be lurking there abouts,
with a design of getting Scalps.

And as I find that the places above mention=
=ed, are all within and dependent on the Province of New
Hampshire, and that I cannot for the present, spare any of
the Ranging Company's from whence they now are, because
I do not know how soon I may have Occasion to Em=
=ploy them elsewhere; and that besides, by your additional
Instructions of the 12th. of August 1755, You are directed
and required, earnestly to recommend it in his Majesty's
name to the Assembly of New Hampshire, whose duty
it is, to make Provision in some certain, constant and
effectual manner, for the defence and protection of the
several Settlements on the Frontier of the said Pro=
=vince; I must therefore likewise recommend it to You,
that immediately upon the Receipt hereof, You do
move your Assembly to make such provision, by
forthwith raising and sending to the several places
mentioned in the enclosed Memorial, One hundred Ef=
=fective Men, together with a proper number of Officers
to Command the same, in which I am hopefull You
will prove the more successfull, as by your Letter of
the 25th. of December, acquainting me, that my Requisition

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of keeping the New hampshire Regiment in Pay all the Winter could not be complied with, by reason of their being then already disbanded; You add, that if any other Expedient could be thought of for the good of the service, You should not fail of making the best use of it.

I Shall therefore flatter myself that the Assembly of New hampshire will lose no time in Voting the Levying the above Number of Men and Officers, and in sending them pro=perly Equipped to the several Places before mentioned, as an Encouragement for which, I shall Order, that immediatily upon their Ar=rival there, they be furnished with provisions at the Expence of the Crown, and by its Contractors, in the same manner and pro=portion as the King's Troops.

I cannot yet inform You where the Troops I recommended to the Province of New hampshire, to raise for the service of next Campaign, will be Employed; but, as I am desirous to contribute as much as in me lays towards facilitating the raising of them, You may depend on being acquainted with their Destination immediately after I am certain of it myself, when I shall

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likewise take into consideration your proposal of their being part of the Forces that may Embark by Water.

I am, &ca.

Copy
M. Genl. Amherst
To Govr. Wentworth, Portsmouth, Newhampshire.

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=worth, New hampshire / Feb: 8th. 1759. / in M: G:
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Extract of a Letter from Governor Pownall to Major General Amherst. Dated at Boston the 31st of January 1759 ~

Sir

Last Sunday I was honor'd with Your Letters of the 8th & 22d Instant also the inclosed Copy of Your Letter to R. Adl. Durel, I cannot ex=press how happy I am in your kind interpretation of my best intentions and permitt me to assure You, nothing which my Influence can effect Shall be want=ing and I know first or last I Shall carry my point As I have always hitherto done; Yet from the light Mobile unstable turn of Mind the People here have and from the weight the Current of the People here have to bear down even it's legislature there is every thing to fear till the Matter is Accomplish'd, so that at what time I may finish I know not.

The Measures of this Province furnishing from its Maratime Towns part of it's Quota of Men, towards the Sea Service I think the best calculated both for the Kings Service and for the ease and benefit of the Province of any thing that can be devised, when I first Mentioned it I was Sen=sible the Measure being new, there could be no certain judgement form'd how it would Strike their Imaginations the Representatives of those Maratime Towns

to all of whom I have Spoke, fall in with it, but if after it be mentioned in public any troublesome Dem=agogue in their Town Meeting Should oppose it, The Representative will Almost fear to Say his Soul is his own – Such are the Blessings of Popular Gov=ernments but I Shall lay the measure before the General Court in Such a Form, that if they reject it they shall have no ground left for complaint Should even every Fisherman be press'd.

I Shall be ready with the Block house part of the Fort long before the Weather breaks up so as to render it pos=sible to Sett it down.

Enclosed is a proposal from Mr. Apthorp I beleive what he there States to be the fact, but I cannot Suffer my=self to judge of it so transmitt it to You.

I will refuse no trouble where I can be of any Ser=vice but really in the purchase of the Materials and Supplies for the Blockhouse Fort, I am so ingnorant of the Nature and prices of the things, that I much fear the Crown would loose more by my un=dertaking it, than by my paying Some Person (who understands it) for doing it: however I will proceed to do my best.

Some of the Members of the Genl. Court have ask'd me whether the Men employed on this Service (as being consider'd

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in the General Service) will not be Sup=
=plyed with Provisions on the Kings Acco.^t
as all other his Troops are.

I am &c.

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Boston, January 29th 1759.

Sir,

As Your Excellency was pleased to inform me that some Timber and other Materials would be wanted for His Majesty's service in this Province, which would be paid for by a Warrant from the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces on the Deputy Paymaster General, who I supply with Money for the service.

I Beg leave to represent to Your Excellency, that it will be for the Publick Benefit, that I may be allowed to supply them, as I can purchase them upon as reasonable Terms as any other Person can, and shall make the Payment for them, easy to myself, either by paying for them immediately in Bills of Exchange, or by raising the money for the Bills, in the time allowed me by the Person of whom I may purchase them, whereby the Government will have the Advantage, which would otherwise accrue to the Merchant, who no doubt would Expect his money upon presenting the Warrant to the Paymaster, which would not only distress him, but might perhaps Affect the Exchange, which has already suffered greatly, by the great Demands for Contingencys which I could have supplyed upon those Terms, which would have prevented the necessity there

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has been to lower them from £133..6..8 Currency for £100 Sterl. to £126.13..4, which is the present price, would have enabled me to secure the Subsistance for the Troops, which has often been extremely difficult, and would have lessened the Remittance of Specie from England, which is very expensive.

Your Excellency may perhaps know that it is Customary to charge a Commission of 5 ₱ Cent for pur=chasing, but as I am sensible it will be an Ease to me, as well as a Service to the Publick, for me to Supply what may be wanted, I will, upon this par=ticular occasion do it without any allowance for my trouble.

I have the honour to be,

&c.a

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Apthorp
To Governor Pownall

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Endorsed Copy of a Letter from / Sr. Ch: Mrs. Apthorp / To Governor Pownall / Bearing date Boston 29th Janry. / 1759 / Inclosed in Govr. Pownalls / of the 31. Janry. 1759 / in M: G: Amherst's of Febry. 28th. 1759 | 6.

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Extract of a Letter from General Amherst to Govr: Pownall Dated New York Feb: 2d: 1759. –

On the 22d. of last Month, I partly answer'd Your Favour of the same Date, but then had not yet the Pleasure of being acquainted with the Act which You have had enacted for the Benefit of His Majesty's Recruiting Parties within the Province of the Massachusets Bay, nor with the other wise and spirited Measures, which You recommended and obtained of fitting up Houses within Boston by Way of Barracks, and of the Soldiers only paying 4. Pence a Day for their Quarters, as in England altho their Subsistence in this Country amounts to 8. Pence Currency per Diem. Such Measures, Sir, plainly prove your Zeal for the Service, and your good Disposition towards the Troops; and I should think myself deficient were I any longer to defer returning You my most hearty & sincere Acknowledgements, for those Marks of Your tender Care and Regard for them, which I hope will be follow'd with a general Imitation throughout all the other Provinces and Colonies on this Continent, who, it seems, seldom fail of following the Good Examples set them by the Province of the Massachusets Bay. –

I am Sorry that the Care Report of the Arrival of a King's Ship in the Port without a Cer=

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-tainty of her having brought any Dispatches, or knowing the Contents of them, should have had such an Effect on the Minds of the Members of the General Court, as to Occasion you to lay on Your Oars. That Ship was no other than a Store Ship, called the Crown, Commanded by Capt. Mead, laden with Hospital Stores, for this Place, and naval Stores for Halifax, whither she was bound, but not knowing that Coast, obliged to put in here for a Pilot. I had no Letters by her. If I had received any relative to the Publick Service, I should certainly not have omitted to have given you the earliest Notice of it; I hope the Arrival of the Rose Man of War, Capt. Clive, who came out Convoy to the Trade, and came in here Yesterday, also with-out any Letters for me, will not have the former Ef-fects on the Members of the General Court. —

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from General Amherst to Govr. Pownall. — / Feb 2d 1759. — / in M. G. Amherst's of Feby. 28th. 1759 / 7.

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Extract of a Letter from Major General Am=
=herst to Governor Pownall, Bearing date,
New York, 12th. February 1759.

Sir,

I was extremely glad to find, by your favor of the 31st. Ultimo, that You think the measure of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, furnishing from its Maritime Towns, part of its Quota of Men towards the Sea Service, the best calculated both for the King's service and for the ease and benefit of the Province, of any that can be devised; and am not less pleased to see, that the Representatives of those Maritime Towns, to all of whom You have spoken, fall in with it: I hope therefore, that when You come to men=
=tion it in Publick, it will not meet with any Opposition; and that if any troublesome Demagogue should offer to gainsay it, it will not be difficult to silence him, from the necessity of the measure, which, if rejected, cannot fail of being followed by One, I should think most disagreable to the Publick, I mean that of Impressing, which must be a natural Consequence of a Non com=
=pliance with the former; As the general Service must by no means suffer, thro' the mere Caprice of a few unstable Individuals; But from Your Zeal and Influ=
=ence, and the Form in which you propose to lay this measure before the General Court, I trust You

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will succeed without any difficulties.

I Was confident, when I beg'd of You to undertake the trouble of Supervising the Building of the Fort, that no pains would be spared by You, nor no time lost, in forwarding and finishing it as early as possible; and I beg leave to return you my thanks for the forwardness in which the Block house part is already in: ~ At the same time I must not Omit, My Dr. Sir, that when You were so kind as to take that trouble on You, I meant or could expect it should be burthened with the additional Weight of purchasing the Materials and Supplies; All I could wish, was your bespeaking them from the Persons that were able to provide themselves without passing thro' the hands of a third, who upon such occasions, for the only trouble of bespeaking them, swell the Accounts of the Cost thereof, with an Ad=ditional Charge of 5 P Ct. for their Commission, which is not only a very heavy but needless Expence, which I am glad Mr. Apthorp puts into our power to save to the Publick, and accordingly I accept of his Proposal by the enclosed Letter, which I beg You will be so good as to deliver him.

The providing the Men, employed in the Works of the Fort with Provisions on the King's Account, I would much rather not agree to,

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but to oblige the Members of the General Court, I consent that some small Allowance may be made to the Men, Extraordinary of their Pay, by way of gratuity, with which, I dare say, they will be far better pleased.

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New York 12th February 1759.

Sir

Gov.r Pownall having transmitted to me Your Letter of the 29th Ultimo, Setting forth that it would be for the publick benefit that You should be allowed to Sup=ply the Timber & other Materials that would be wanted for his Majesty's Service in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay as You could purchase them upon as reasonable terms as any other person can; and that, for the further reasons by You given, which Seem very reasonable to me, You would upon this particular Occasion Supply them without any Al=lowance for Your trouble, which I am Sensible must be a great Saving to the publick, as I know it has been Customary to Charge a Commission of 5 P Cent for purchasing, these are therefore to Acquaint You that I do Accept of Your proposals and do desire that You will lose no time in Supplying the Above Timber & Materials upon the terms Above mentioned, with all which I have Acquainted Gov.r Pownall, thro' whom You will receive this Letter.

I am S.r &c.

To Charles W.m Apthorp Esq.r

Boston

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Extract of a Letter from Govr. Pownall to M. Gen. Amherst, Dated Boston, Feby. 13th. 1759.

In my last I acquainted You with the State and Turn of Mind the House of Representatives were got into, found upon the flying Reports of Peace, and the Uncertainty of the Operations of War. The Disappointment of not hearing from England, added to the former, works so powerfully in their Minds, that the utmost Efforts of the Friends of the Publick would be able, under these Circum=stances, and at this Time to obtain but very ineffective and inadequate Exertions. After, therefore, one or two Tryals of the Temper of the House, and finding that this was not a proper Time to push any active Measures, the Business of the Sessions has been turn'd to what may equally in the End expedite Matters, vizt. the proposing the Ways and Means and clearing off the affairs of last Year. I was in hopes I shou'd, or at least You wou'd have heard something from England before this, to have set us a going; As Nothing is yet come, if we were to act now 'twould be but faintly: the Coun=try are spirited to act vigorously, and 'twou'd be ill judged to lose the good Effect of that Spirit by pushing Matters at a Season, that it cou'd not exert itself in. I had therefore last Friday determined to adjourn or prorogue the Court, but

upon the Report of a Dispatch Vessel being arrived at New York, I kept the Court Sitting till this Day and now hearing that Nothing is come, I have pro=rogued them to the End of this Month. —

I proposed the Measure of taking Possession of the Penobscot River and Country and garrisoning it, to my Court, upon the Foundation of Your having kindly engaged to reimburse me the Expence of fortifying a Post that might secure such Posses=sion. After some Puzzles arising from the Interested Concerns of landed Patentees, I have carried my Point. The House have voted a Supply for 400. Men, also for the Ship & Sloop, Massachusets. —

There is a Vote I have obtain'd this Ses=sions which gives me infinite Pleasure, as it en=deavours to do honour to a good Man, as it does honour to the Sense of the Province and is attended with every good Consequence that mu=tual Good Offices must produce between those who are to act together. The General Court from a Knowledge of the Sense, which the Country had of the Services and Military Virtues of Lord Howe, and of the affection which their Officers and Soldiers bore to him, have voted a Sum towards a Mon=ument to his Memory. As this Shews the grateful Sense they have of the Aid his Majesty Sends them in

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his Officers; As it shews the Regard they have to their Services and how much they esteem the Service in General, it will, 'tis hoped, be very pleasing to His Majesty, it must sure be very agre=able to his Officers, it shews what Pains the Province, as a Governmt., takes to conciliate the Minds of the People towards the Service, and to promote that univer=sal Good Confidence and Harmony without which the King's Service and the Publick wellfare must be subverted. —

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from Govr. / Pownall to M. G. Amherst. / Feb: 13th. 1759. / in M: G: Amherst's of Feby. 28th. 1759 / 10.

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Extract of a Letter from The Governor of Rhode Island to M. Genl. Amherst, bearing date, Providence, January 15th. 1759.

Sir,

When I received your Letter of the 13th. Ult. the General Assembly of this Colony were sitting, and the day before had come into a Resolve to retain in his Majesty's Service, and continue in the Pay of the Colony as many of the Troops, who were last Year in the Service, as still are, or pro=:babbly soon will be fit for Duty. And after Your Excellency's Letter was communicated to them, they further ordered as many fresh Men to be Enlisted into the same Service as could be found willing so to do; and for that purpose appointed proper Enlisting Officers in every part of the Colony, so that there is the greatest probability that this Colony will have as many Men as can be raised in, and spared from it, in Readiness to move whenever they may be called for.

All such Recruiting Parties, as You may think fit to Order into this Colony, will receive all the Encouragement Aid and Assistance, as is within the Power of the Colony to afford them.

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from / The Govr. of Rhode Island To M. Gen. Amherst / bearing date Providence 15th. Jany. / 1759 / in M. G. Amherst's of Febry. 28th. 1759. / 12.

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New York 17th Feb: 1759.

Sir,

I this morning had the honor of Your Excellency's Letter of yesterday acquainting me, that Mr. Secretary Pitt, by his Letter of the 9th. December last, had signified to you, that His Majesty had judged it Expedient to dispatch his Orders to the several Governors in North America, for Levying the same, or a greater number of Men, if possible, than they did for the last Campaign; I have also received his Letter of the same date, informing me of His Majesty's pleasure to that purpose, and shall use my utmost Endeavors and Influence with the Council and Assembly of this Province to Induce them to raise with all possible dispatch, at least as large a Body of Men as they did for the last Campaign, and even as many more as the number of its Inhabitants will allow.

I Shall not communicate any of the immediate Objects pointed out by Mr. Pitt, but where it is absolutely necessary.

As Your Excellency proposes to begin the Operations, if the season Permits, earlier than the time proposed in Mr. Pitt's Letter, I shall Endeavor to have the number of Men, which shall be Voted for this Years Service, raised as soon as I can, and to that end shall lay a Copy of Your Excellency's Letter, before

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the Council and Assembly, to hasten them, if You think proper.

As to His Majesty's directions relative to the Collecting the Arms issued the last Campaign, I do believe that Colonel De Lancey has ordered them to be returned into the Kings Stores, where I presume they are already repaired, but if You should be of opinion that a greater number will be wanted, I shall order an Enquiry to be made what serviceable Arms are to be found in this Government, that they may be Purchased for his Majesty's use.

I shall in raising Men for this Province press such of them as have serviceable Arms, to bring their own, and shall notify to them the Encouragement Your Excellency gives of 25/. which I suppose to be Sterling, for every one which shall be spoiled or lost in actual Service.

I am, &ca.

Copy of a Letter from Lt. Govr. De Lancey To Maj: Gen: Amherst —

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from / Lieut: Govr. De Lancey / To M. Genl: Amherst / Bearing date New York 17th. Feby / 1759. / in M: G: Amherst's of Feby. 28th. 1759 / 13.

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Sir,

I neither have lost, nor intend to lose, the least Time in my Power, for fitting out the Troops which Our Province shall provide for your Com=mand; the Probable Time of their being at Albany, Col. Johnston, who waits on you with this, will better inform You than I can; The Arms with which Our Regiment was furnished last Year have been all deliver'd up, except those carried away by Deserters, which I will use my best En=deavours to recover and transmit to You. As it would be very convenient for Our Troops to be arm'd with lighter Arms than those of the Tower, we have now at Amboy Stands of 1000. Arms fitted with Bayonets and all Accoutrements. These You are welcome to at the Price they cost, which Colonel Jonson will inform you of. And if you shall chuse to purchase them on the King's Account for the Use of Our Troops, they will be deliver'd up to You, at the End of the Campaign.

As I understand that both Col. Schuyler & Col. Johnston are desirous of serving this Campaign, I am unwilling that His Majesty should lose the Service of either of these Gentlemen, as they are both very capable of giving good Assistance to the great Work you have in Hand; I therefore intend to form the Troops of this

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Province which I persuade myself will not be less than those of the last Year, into two Regiments, that each of these Gentlemen may have the Same Rank & Command that they have held before.

Col: Johnston bring a Packet for the Board of Trade, for the Care of which I must desire Your Re:commendation to the Captain of the Man of War.

I am with great Regard

Sir

Your Excellency's

most obed^t: humble Servant

Fra: Bernard

Copy

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New York, 26th Febr. 1759.

Sir,

Colonel Johnson who brought me your Favor of the 21st is likewise the Bearer of this, and he will acquaint You with what passed between him and me, in relation to the Troops to be raised by the Province of New Jersey in the service of the ensuing Campaign, which I am confident will meet with no delays from You in fitting them out; and I trust their numbers will exceed those raised last Year, which you see Mr. Pitt very strongly recommends.

I am obliged to you for your promise of Endeavoring to recover such of the Arms, as have been carried away by the Deserters of Your Province, and shall be glad to have them so soon as it can be Effected.

As to the Service requires many more Light Arms than what we have yet been able to procure, and that You are kind enough to make me an Offer of the 1000 Stand belonging to Your Province, I have desired Col: Johnson to send for one, that I might see if they were fit for the services I intend them, in which case, I may purchase them on the King's Account, at a reasonable price; and at the same Time I will take care that your Troops shall be provided with a Sufficient number of those Arms they had last Year.

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Although I am not particularly acquainted either with Col: Schuyler or Col: Johnson, yet the Character that has been given me of those Gentlemen makes me equally unwilling with You, that His Majesty should lose their services, and since they are both inclined to serve, I think You cannot do better than to close with them, upon the Terms which You shall Judge most proper and agreable to them both.

I have your Packet for the Board of Trade, which I shall particularly recommend to the Captain of the Rose Man of War.

I am,

&ca.

Copy of a Letter from M. Gen: Amherst
To Governor Bernard.

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Annapolis the 26th. of January 1759.

Sir,

I Embrace the earliest Opportunity to acknowledge my Receipt of the Letter You were pleased to write to me the 13th. of December, which came to hand but a few days ago; I take the liberty at the same time to Congratulate Your Excellency on being appointed Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North America, and to wish You the greatest success in all Your Undertakings.

As General Forbes informs me in a Letter I have just received from Philadelphia, that he expected to have the satisfaction of seeing Your Excellency the beginning of this week, I presume he has before this time, informed You how averse the Assembly of this Province has been, especially for more than twelve months past, to supporting any Troops; nor do I doubt but Your Excellency has learnt ere this from Genl. Forbes on what footing those that marched hence, and served on the late Expedition against Fort Du Quesne continued, and how they have been kept together since the 8th. of October 1757, when they received the last of the money, which had been some time before granted for their support: Within the last Year I met the Assembly of this Province at four several times, and used my utmost Endeavours to induce them to Comply with the Requisitions of His Majesty's Generals, but I am sorry to say that all

my Endeavours proved fruitless, and that I have little reason to hope the Assembly will be now prevailed on to act a better Part: I shall however Convene them again as soon as all those of them that are well disposed can conveniently come together, by which time it is not, I think, improbable that I shall be able to communi=cate to them some Instructions or a Letter from His Majes=ty's Ministers, which together with Your Excellency's might have some Weight with them, and in some measure perhaps influence their Conduct.

As the Officers of the Four Maryland Companies found it would be impracticable to keep their Men any longer together without Pay, and were of opinion that if they suffered them to Desert or disband themselves it would be impossible to Collect them again, in case the Assembly should in the Spring agree to Pay off all their Arrears and provide for their farther support, the Officers thought it adviseable to give them Furloughs for two Months or untill they shall by Advertisement in the Gazette be Ordered to repair to a place of Rendezvous, when they are persuaded their Men will Join them, and, that if the Assembly raise the necessary Supplies, they shall in a very short Time be able to Com=pleat their respective Companys.

With regard to what Your Excellency is pleased

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to recommend to me relative to any Officers that are, or may be sent to this Province on the Recruiting Ser=vice, I beg leave to assure You, that I shall Countenance and Assist them as far as in my power, and that it would give me the greatest pleasure to find my=self able on any other Occasion to Execute Your Ex=cellency's Commands.

I am &ca.

Copy of a Letter from Govr. Sharpe
To Maj: Gen: Amherst

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Extract of a Letter from Govr. Fauquier to Major General Amherst; Dated Williamsburg Janry. 24th 1759.

One of the Regiments in the Pay of this Colony was disbanded before I had the Pleasure to receive Your's, but You may assure yourself, that I will use my Endeavours with the Assembly which is to meet on the 22d. of February to keep as great a Number of Forces in Pay to serve in Conjunction with the Rest of His Majesty's Forces, as the Circumstances of the Colony will admit of, and to do all other Acts in their Power for the Benefit of His Majesty's Service.—

P.S.— This I apprehend will be deliver'd to You by the Honble. Wm. Byrd, who is intended to have the Command of the Forces in the Pay of this Colony, the ensuing Campaign; I have desired him to wait on you, to know the Plan of Opperations for this Year, as far as they concern this Colony, and it is proper for You to communicate. The greater Certainty I can speak with, during the Sitting of the Assembly, which is to Meet immediately, the greater Service I am confident I can do to the Common Cause.—

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Sir

Having received a Letter from Mr. Secretary Pitt Acquainting me that His Majesty has been pleased to ap=point You General & Commander in Chief, of all His Ma=jesty Forces in North America I Sincerely and heartily congratulate your Excellency upon this Mark of His Ma=jesty's favour and Esteem for You upon Account of Your Zeal and Assiduity for his Service.

As I am directed to correspond with and ap=ply to You in all things which will promote his Ma=jesty's Interest and the Advantage of these Provinces And in the Accomplishments of his Majesty's just Right in getting rid of an Inveterate Enemy from this Continent, without which these Provinces can never enjoy Peace & Safety from their Incroachments & Massacres. I am therefore Obliged to Apply to your Excellency upon Account of this Province, which has distinguish=ed its Zeal in promoting His Majesty's Service even beyond their Abilities considering the Poverty of the Inhabitants who are all late Settlers - His Majesty having therefore been graciously pleased to give us by Address of Parliament the Sum of £50,000 now lodged in the Treasury to be distributed to the Three Provinces of North & South Carolina and Virginia, which can't be received untill Your Excellency as Commander in Chief make a proportional Dividend Among these Provinces, And having been informed that the Government

of Virginia have Applyed to you for half of that Sum as their Proportion, if You Agree to that Sum, I think I have a just Right to expect £15,000 as a proper proportion for this poor Colony According to the Sums raised in this Province as by the inclosed Paper will appear above £67,000 about £35,000 of which has been granted the Troops Sent by this Province to New York and Virginia, And the Province of South Carolina altho an opulent Province hath contributed no Aid to the Northern Provinces except about £5000 to Genl. Braddock, so that According to the Opulence and immediate danger of Virginia, And the Small Aid given by South Carolina, except for their own defence, & consid=ering the poverty and Zeal of this Province, and want of Money and Credit out of the Province, upon Account of the Discount of our paper Currency so that we could not pay the Companies sent from hence this Year to the Ohio without having got Credit from Brig^r. Genl. Forbes to be repaid out of our Share of the Dividend, you will think that we are justly entitled to at least £15,000 of that Sum, which we cannot receive from the Treasury untill You Send over an Account of the proportions You think proper that each province should have, which by the Change of Commanders we have so long lain out of.

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I most Sincerely and heartily pray for, and wish Your Excellency equal Success to Your Operations next Campaign as you have had in this to drive the French quite from this Continent as well Mississippi as Canada, which I make no doubt of since Divine Providence has so emi=nently appeared in Defence of the protestant Church & Cause of Liberty as well in Europe as in America

I am with great regard

Sir Your Excellency's
Most Obedient and
Most Humble Servt.
Arthur Dobbs

Copy

Newbern 16th Decr. 1758 ~

Genl. Amherst

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The Sums raised by the Province of North Caro=
=lina for the Aid of other Colonies Since 1753~

1754..	For the Forces sent to Virginia . . .	£12,000~
D°..	For the Year 1755	5,000~
1755.	For the Four Companies Sent to New York for the Year 1756 . . .	9,000~
1757-	For the Troops raised for South Caro=lina 1757	5,306~
1758.	For Troops sent to Ohio 1758 . . .	7,000~
	For Sums granted for building the Forts Johnston Granville &c on the Sea Coast and Cape Fear . . .	10,000~
	For 2 forts at y^e Catawbas & Western frontier & to buy Arms	3,000~
	For the Garrisons on the Sea Coast And Western Frontier . . .	12,400~
	For the Service of the Year 1759 . .	4,000~
		£67,706~

Endorsed Sums raised by the / Province of North Carolina / for the Aid of the other Colonies / since 1753 ~ / Enclosed in Govr. Dobbs of 16th. Decr. 1758. / in M: G: Amherst's of Feb^ry. 25: / 1759 /
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New York 14th February 1759 ~

Sir

Four days ago, I received Your Letter of the 16th December last, Acquainting me that His Majesty having been graciously pleased to give by Address of Parliament, to the Three Provinces of North & South Caro=:lina & Virginia, the Sum of £50,000 Now lodged in the Treasury, to be distributed to them, but which can=:not be received until the Commander in Chief make a proportional dividend Among those Provinces; And as You had been informed, that the Government of Vir=:ginia have applyed to me for half that Sum, as their proportion, if I did agree to it, You think You have a just right to expect £15,000 as a proper propor=:tion for the poor Colony of North Carolina, which has distinguished its Zeal in promoting His Majestys Service, even beyond their Abilities, considering the Poverty of its Inhabitants, who are all late Settlers

In Answer thereto I am to inform You, that neither me nor, by what I can learn, my Pre=:decessors, have ever received any directions from home to make such a dividend but you may be Assured that, whenever I do, I shall give you immediate Notice of it. And Shall pay a due regard to the Zeal of the Colony of North Carolina for His Majestys Service which I hope they will always continue to Exert.

Meanwhile, I should think that You and the other Governments who are to partake of this Royal Bounty, Should lay Your Claims before the Kings Ministers, in Order to enable them to guide me in an Affair to which at present I am an utter Stranger.

I am Sir &c.

To His Excellency Govr. Dobbs ~

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Extract of a Letter from His Excellency Governor Ellis to Major Genl. Amherst, bearing date, Georgia, 10th December 1758.

About two Years ago, upon some very dangerous appearances amongst the Indians on our Borders, my Predecessor was addressed by the General Assembly to raise some Troops for the protection of the Colony. In consequence whereof he resolved to Levy three Troops of Rangers, as such were best calculated for that purpose. The Officers were accordingly commissioned, but no more than 40 Men of the first Troop were actually Enlisted, when that Gentleman was Superseded by me. What had been done therein, appeared highly proper, and was doubtless undertaken upon very pressing and Substantial Reasons; it would therefore have been very hazardous, and impolitic in me to have cancelled it. On the other hand the Poverty of this Colony was apparently, and really such, that no Fund could be raised here, for carrying this Measure into Execution; And as the cause of it was merely accidental and unexpected, it was impossible I could have brought any Instructions from Home, relative to it. However, the danger still subsisting, it appeared to me most prudent to keep the Men on foot, which were already raised, but

suspend further Levies untill the Orders of the Earl of Loudoun (then Commander in Chief) concerning them could be Obtained. For this purpose I im=:mediately Transmitted to His Lordship an Account of the State of things here, and importuned him, in the strongest terms to direct me how to Act, especially in regard to these Rangers. The Answer I received, was to this Effect. "That they appeared to him high=:ly necessary for the defence of the Province, Yet he was at a loss how to direct me, being possessed of no precise Instruction what manner to proceed in such Cases, but that he would immediately write to the Ministry about it"; And in the mean Time gave me a Credit upon Mr. Mortier, Paymaster at New York for £850 Sterl. to defray the Expence of this service, untill he could send me further Or=:ders; but I heard no more from His Lordship, altho' that sum was Expended before he was superseded.

Upon General Abercromby's succeeding to the Chief Command of the King's Forces, I wrote to him upon the same subject, in hopes that I might procure the satisfaction upon this point, which I had reason to expect from his Predecessor, but six months were elapsed before I received any Answer from him; and then he acquainted me, "He was convinced of the necessity of the Service, but having received no directions

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from home, in consequence of Lord Loudoun's application to the Ministry upon that head, he could not take upon him to advise me, or extend his Lordships Credit". It may be proper to acquaint Your Excellency, that during this interval of Suspence, and after the sum the Earl of Loudoun had empowered me to use for this service was expended, I drew upon Mr. Mortier for the current Pay and Subsistance of the said Rangers; and tho' my Bills are not yet returned, I have reason to think they have not been honoured: A Circumstance that creates me much uneasiness and Embarrassment.

The Letters received by my Predecessor from the Secretary of State signifyed, that it was His Majesty's Commands, that the Governors of this Province should apply to the Commanders in Chief of the King's Forces in America, for any Assistance that might be wanted for its defence and Security. After this Notification, an Exigence arose when such an Application became necessary; and yet it should seem that no provision had been made for it; at least, two of Your Excellency's Predecessors suggest as much; However, I am in hopes this is not the Case at present, but that I shall at length obtain the Information I have so long sought for in vain: For which purpose and because the common conveyance of Letters, is so extremely

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precarious and dilatory, I have charged Lieut: Baily of the said Rangers with this Letter, who is to return im=mediately with Your Excellency's Commands.

You will easily conceive, Sir, the dilemma I am in: I must either disband these Troops (which have been more than tacitly approved and Allowed of by the Earl of Loudoun's Letters, and the Credit given me for their Subsistence) or keep them on foot, upon my own Credit and Risque.

That they are necessary to be kept up and Com=pleated, I apprehend admits of no doubt, for the follow=ing reasons.

First - Because there are no other Troops upon this dangerous Frontier, that can be Employed upon any Service, except a small detachment from One of the In=dependent Companies of South Carolina, stationed at some ruined Forts upon the Borders, towards the Spaniards; and which cannot be withdrawn, without abandoning these places, which are of the last Consequence to be maintained, as Marks of Possession and Right.

Secondly . . . Because there are none to render the Government respected, and Enforce the Laws amongst a People of a very irregular and ungovernable disposition: None to restrain the Licentiousness of the remote Set=tlers, who are incessantly creating new Embroils with the Savages on the one hand, and with the Spaniards

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as the other; and who have frequently set the Civil Power at defiance.

Thirdly. . . Such a Force is extremely necessary to prevent Supplys going to the Enemy: By Suppressing a practice carried on here, and in South Carolina, of furnishing the Spaniards at St. Augustine with numbers of Cattle, and large Quantities of Provisions by Land, whereby the Object of Embargoes are defeated; and large Magazines are formed there, to supply the Settlements of the French, whose Privateers are admitted, and Encouraged to resort to that Port, where they occasionally refit; are furnished with Necessarys and Intelligence, and from whence they have for two years successively greatly annoyed the Trade of these Parts.

Fourthly. . . These Troops are necessary to Intercept Deserters, as well from His Majesty's, as the Provincial Troops in America, who fly to, are received among, and incorporated with the Spanish Soldiery, which renders the latter more formidable.

Fifthly. They are necessary to intercept Debtors, and Delinquents of every Species, who run thither from all parts, and are likewise protected and received, with a view to establish a new Colony in Florida, which in time may prove highly prejudicial to us.

Sixthly . . . They are necessary to prevent the desertion of Negroes, who frequently fly to Augustine by Land, whither

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the multitude of Cattle lately driven, have made so plain a Path, that unless some Guards are stationed at the princi=pal Passes, the southern parts of this Province cannot be settled; as People will not hazard their Slaves in such a Situation; for the Spaniards never restore them, on the con=trary they give them their freedom, Enlist, discipline and form them into Companys, that would be very mischievous, in case of Rupture with Spain.

In fine, these Rangers are absolutely necessary to curb the Insolence of the Savages, who are always disposed to com=mit Outrages, when they can with impunity, but who never presume to give any disturbance, when there appears a Power at hand sufficient to call them to an Account.

To these Motives, Sir, I would beg leave to add, that I never received any Orders to disband these Troops, without which I was affraid I could not answer to do it, especially when there were so many, and so good reasons against it.

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New York Feb: 19th 1759.

Sir

Major General Abercromby being still here on the 30th of December, when your Favor of the 10th of that Month was deliver'd to me by Lieut. Baily, I immediately applied to him, to know if he had received from the Ministry the Orders that are necessary, to extricate You out of the Trouble and Perplexity You are under in Regard to the Keeping up or disbanding the Troop of Rangers raised for the Defence and Protection of the Colony of Georgia, in Order that I might relieve you from that Anxiety as early as possible; But Mr Abercromby's Answer being in the Negative, and his Letter to You on that Subject (which he showed me) setting forth his Reasons why he could not advise You in that Affair nor yet extend the Credit granted You by his Predecessor, appearing to me to be all he could, with any Propriety, say to you on that Head, untill he did receive Directions thereupon; and it being most likely, from Your having represented the whole Circumstances of this Affair to Mr Pitt, and the Secretary at War, and the Grounds You had to believe not without Effect, that those Directions might be coming out in the first Packet, which was then daily expected, I resolved to keep Mr Baily here till her Arrival, in Hopes that I might have the Pleasure of sending him back to You with a satisfactory Answer, in which I am sorry to find I have

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not succeeded, since my Dispatches from the Ministry do not take the least Notice of that Affair: But as I am desirous of serving You to the utmost of my Power, I shall by the very next opportunity (which will Offer in a few Days,) transmit a Copy of your Letter to the Minis=try, and beg to have Directions thereupon, and so soon as they come to my Hands, I shall acquaint You with the Nature of them.

I am &ca.

His Excellency Govr. Ellis.—

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New York, 11th Feb: 1759.

Sir,

Altho' since my Letter of the 2d. Instant nothing new has occur'd, Yet as Mr. Wraxall tells me that he sets out tomorrow to join You, I take that opportunity to acquaint You, that agreable to mine of the 8th. January, I have given Orders for the Purchase of the 400, good Light Arms for the use of the Indians, and that all Endeavors are using to procure the same; Nevertheless if You find that such of the Indians, as You may be able to Engage for the Service of next Campaign, are provided with Arms of their own, which they will certainly rather chuse than any other, by being so much lighter, You may propose to them, to bring them in, and to make them a reasonable allowance for the same; I must own I should be glad this Plan should take place, as it will afford me a greater number of Light Arms, for the Light Infantry, a Company of which I have Ordered to be Trained up in each Regiment.

I am sorry I cannot yet have the pleasure of acquainting You with the Arrival of the Money Ship, which I should imagine cannot be far off; so soon as she comes in, I shall transmit You the Warrant.

I am, &ca.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Gen: Amherst
To Sir Wm. Johnson, Bart.

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Fort Johnson Feb: 16th 1759.

Sir,

I am favour'd with Your Excellency's of the 2d. Instant, and am to acquaint You, that the Messengers whom I sent to call the Six Nations down, are return'd, and inform me they will soon arrive here.

A Report having spread of the French's mak=ing some Preparations for an Expedition at Oswegat=chi, I sent a Scout thither 16 Days ago, in Order to make what Discovery they cou'd, and as they were to return in about 20 Days, I daily expect them.

I have now here between 70 and 80 Indians who are to proceed on a Scout to Ticonderoga in two or three Days, but can scarcely furnish them with Arms proper for the Occasion and shall be at so great Loss soon, unless Your Excellency can provide me with those I have before mention'd; In Consequence of Your Excellency's former Letter, I have agreed for what Goods I cou'd find hereabouts fitting for Indians, for the Service of the next Campaign, but the Quantity being very inconsiderable, will require a large Aug=mentation which must be procured at York or Phila=delphia, and for which I shall give Directions. I hope the Result of the ensuing Meeting will be productive of favourable Consequences, and that I shall be able to engage a Large Body of Indians, the Number of whom I shall acquaint

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You with, as soon as it can be done with any Cer=
=tainty or Exactness, but I flatter myself, and have some Reason to expect, that (as Affairs are now Circumstanced) if an Expedition was designed against Niagara, or elsewhere, thro' the Country of the Six Nations, I should be able to prevail upon the greater Part if not the whole of them, to join His Majesty's Arms: This Circumstance I thought it my Duty to acquaint Your Excellency with, in Case such an Expedition was in Agitation.

I am, &ca

Wm. Johnson

Copy

His Excellency Gen: Amherst. —

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New York 26th February 1759.

Sir

Your Letter of the 16th Instant was deliver'd to me by Capt. Gates, who Arrived here two days ago.

I see with pleasure, that the Messengers whom You sent to call the Six Nations down are returned, and that they had Informed You, those Nations would soon arrive at Fort Johnson, in which I hope You have not been disapointed.

I Shall be very glad to have the report of the scout you sent out, to make what discovery they could of the Preparations it was Said the French were making for an Expedition at Oswegatchi, Altho I do not apprehend there is any foundation for it, Yet as we cannot be too Watchfull, nor Such Scouts be Sent too frequently, I therefore recommend it to You to Send them as often as possible.

I Shall likewise be very glad to learn what discoveries shall have been made by the 70 or 80 Indians you then had, and that were to proceed in two or three days on a Scout to Ticonderoga, which from the largeness of there Numbers I should think cannot fail of procuring us Some Intelligence that may be depended upon; With regard to Arms for them, I am hopefull that You will have been Able to procure a Sufficient Number upon the Conditions I proposed to

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You in my Letter by Capt. Wraxall, to which I wait for an Answer with impatience, as, if that cannot take place, I shall immediatly forward to You Such of the light Arms as I have already Collected, but which do not Yet amount near to the Number You desired; if the Arms would do, I could Supply You with them upon demand; I hope more light ones will come in daily, but for the reasons I gave You in my former Letter, I could wish You may have no Occasion for them, and Accordingly I Shall wait till I hear from You on that Subject.

At the Same time that our future Operations are carried on elsewhere I shall not lose Sight of the Expedition You Mention, and the reasons that induce You to desire it, Shall have the greatest weight with me at its proper Season.

I am &ca.

To Sir William Johnson Bart.

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New York, 1st Feb: 1759.

Sir,

In Confidence that the Operations of the Ensuing Cam=paign may be carried up the River St. Lawrence, and will re=quire a number of Whaleboats; I take this early Opportunity of acquainting You with their number and dimentions, that no time may be lost in procuring the same; You will there=fore upon receipt hereof, apply to and contract with such Builders as You shall think capable of Undertaking and Compleating on or before the latter end of April Fifty Whale boats, 28 Feet in the Keel; 5 Feet, 2 Inches broad; 25 In=ches deep; 34 Feet from Stern to Stern, and 7 Streakers of a side from the Keel to the Gunnall, all well put together, made light and to row with Seven Oars, besides the Stearing Oar.

But if from your Knowledge in those matters You are certain the before mentioned number of Boats, every way compleated as above, can be got ready (altho' not or=dered 'till three weeks after the receipt of these Orders) within the time prescribed, You may delay giving di=rections about them till then, by which time I shall be more certain of their real necessity, and if not want=ed, be able to save the Expence of them to the Publick, which may still in some measure be brought about altho' they should be Built immediately by your agreeing with the Contractors that in case the Services for which they

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are intended should not take place, they should receive them back, upon being allowed a moderate and reasonable pro=:fit; but if You should not be able to prevail on the Con=:tractors to consent to those Terms, that must by no means prevent your putting the foregoing Orders into timely Execution, as such a Saving must not, on any Account whatsoever, be any the least hindrance to the general Service.

I am

&c.

Copy of a Letter
From M: Gen: Amherst
To Capt. Joshua Loring, His Maj: Com: for Super & Ex=:ped: the Build: of Boats in N. America at Boston.

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Boston Feb: 15th: 1759.

Sir,

I received your Letter of the 1st: of February yesterday, ordering me to procure 50 Whale Boats by the Latter End of April. I shall lose no Time, but set out immediately for Cape Cod, the Place where those Boats are generally built, and I make no Doubt, that if they are order'd the 1st: of March, that they may be got in Time; I shall Do the utmost in my Power to contract for them in such a Manner that shou'd they not be wanted the Government may lose as little as possible. I shou'd be glad your Excellency wou'd inform me, if You wou'd have them all brought to Boston when finished.

I am Your Excellency's
most Ht: humble Servant
Josa: Loring
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Endorsed Copy / A Letter from Capt. Loring / to M. G. Amherst. — / Feb: 15th: 1759 — / in M: G: Amherst's of Febry: 28th: / 1759 / 31.

Regiments	Dates	Rank & File	Wanting to Compleat
1st Lt Gen: James St Clair 2d Battn	24th Jany 1759	851	189.
15th Maj: Gen: Jeffery Amherst	24 Jany 1759	548	388.
17th Brigr Gen: John Forbes	24 Jany 1759	660	70.
27th Lt Gen: Wm Lord Blakeney	24 Jany 1759	618	112.
42d Lt Gen: Lord John Murray } 13 Companies }	24 Feby 1759	946	406.
44th Maj: Gen: James Abercromby . . .	24 Feb: 1759	853	187.
46th Lt Gen: Thomas Murray . . .	24 Jany 1759	576	154.
47th Lt Gen: Peregrine Lascelles . . .	24 Jany 1759	657	383.
48th Colonel Daniel Webb . . .	24 Jany 1759	913	127.
55th Late Brigr Gen: Lord Howe . .	24 Jany 1759	608	122.
58th Colonel Robert Anstruther . .	24 Jany 1759	566	164.
60 1st Batt: 6 Comps: Brigr G. Jn: Stanwix .	24 Jany 1759	498	126.
Do 2d . . Brigr Genl Robt Monckton . .	24 Jany 1759	817	223.
Do 3d . . Brigr Gen: Chs Lawrence . .	24 Jany 1759	855	185
Do 4th . . Colonel James Prevost . . .	24 Jany 1759	797	243
63d Colonel Simon Fraser, 13 Comps .	24 Jany 1759	1261	91.
Light Infy 5 Comps Brigr G. Thos Gage .	24 Jany 1759	381	139
		12405	
	Wanting to Compleat	3309	
		15714	

The Independant Companys, Rangers, and Indians, are not Included in the Return; Of Montgomery's Regiment no Return is Come, I hear they want 200; Of the Four Companys

of Stanwix's Battalion no Return, I hear they want 150.~

Jeff: Amherst

Gages light Infantry will be compleat with Recruits since their return.

J.A:

Endorsed Return of the Troops / Serving in North America, / for Jan.ry & Feb.y 1759. / in M. G. Amherst's of Feb.ry 28th 1759 / 35~

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New York March 29th 1759.

Sir

On the 14th Instant I had the honour of receiving a duplicate from You of the 29th of Decr and a Letter of the 13th of Jany (by the General Wall Packet) with a list of His Majesty's Forces in No America intended for the expedition against Quebec, and a list of the Engineers, and Officers ordered to serve as Engineers on the above Expedition, at the same time I received a Copy of your letter of the 29 of Decr to the several Governours and of a separate one to the Lieut Governor of New York.

I immediately on the receipt of your Letter sent orders for relieving Frasers Regt which was unluckily in the most advanced and distant Posts, as you will have seen by the return of the Quarters I sent you, and I ordered that Regt should march down here with all possible dispatch, and I have taken all Measures that I thought the most conducive for executing every part of the orders you have sent in regard to the expedition up the river St Laurence that His Majesty's pleasure may be Most punctually obeyed without any change in the allotment of the Forces and that the whole may be embarked as soon as possible so as to rendezvous at Cape Breton as near as may be about the 20th of Aprill, and I

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shall do my utmost to execute every other order contained in your Letters of 29 Decr. and 13th Jany. according to the Kings gracious Intentions.

On the 13th Inst. I had an account from Colonel Bouquet of the death of Br. General Forbes on the 11th and I was sending Br. General Monckton who arrived here on the 12th to command the Troops to the Southward when I received your Letter of the 29th with a paper enclosed, the Proposals for the expedition to Quebec in which Br. Genl. Monckton is to serve as Brigadier, I directly thereupon appointed Br. Stanwix to the command of His Majesty's Forces to the Southward, and he sat out from hence for Philadelphia on the 18th.

The begining of this month the Enemy Indians scalped four highlanders of Frasers who with a Corporal had stragled in the woods from Fort Stanwix (their own faults & contrary to orders) the Corporal made his escape and Major Clephane immediately sent a party in pursuit, but could not overtake them, since this we are up with them, for, on the 3d of this Month Major Rogers went from Fort Edward with a party of 52 Indians 84 Rangers & 200 Regulars to Ticonderoga, he returned on the 10th took near the Fort seven Prisoners and four Scalps, was obliged to kill two of the Prisoners in his return who could not keep up with the party, he supposes he killed near thirty of the Enemy with the loss of two Rangers, one Regular,

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and one Indian badly wounded, several of the party frost bitten: on this occasion the Engineer who went with the party has taken the best draft of the Fort & Intrenchment, that the snow on the ground and the time he had, would permit him to do, by which and the information of the Prisoners the lines are new made since the attack of last year, are 150 Yards nearer the woods than the former lines were: the Abbatis or Herisons are about 20 or 25 Paces in breadth in front of the breast work, at some places near it at others, 50 paces distance, two Batterys in the lines, and three Batterys between them and the Fort, the Cannon at present all in the Fort.

Nothing else has happened with the Enemy since my last Letter to you of the 28th of Febry. by the Rose man of War.

The Halifax Packet boat arrived here last night, by which I have received your duplicate of the 23d of Jany. I have directly sent by express your Letters to the Governors of Virginia, Maryland, and Pensilvania, whom I had wrote to on sending Br. General Stanwix to Philadelphia, and I have now sent a Copy of the Letters to the Governors and of the Extract of your Letter to Br. General Forbes, to Br. Stanwix as Instructions to him, and I return you your Letter to Br. Forbes.

I have waited for an answer from Governor Pownall, in relation to the Provincials I have demanded for the defence of Louisburg, Nova Scotia, and bay of Fundy and I then intended to dispatch a Packet, but though I have not yet received any, as there are three Boats at present here, I will not defer any longer ac:=quainting you with every Step I have taken, and that You may be thoroughly informed, I beg leave, Sir, to refer you to the Copys and Extracts of Letters I send you enclosed.

There is no Transport arrived here yet from England, or in any of the Ports I have heard of, I shall take all the precaution I can that the Ex:=pedition shall not be delayed for want of Transports and I will lay an Embargo whenever necessary, at present from all I can learn it would do more hurt than good.

Mr. Kilby the Contractor complains of provisions being stoped in Ireland by an Embargo there, which were shipped and which he depended on for the Troops here, I suppose there must be some mistake in it, as likewise in that he has not had any orders from England for supplying the whole, I have given him an extract of your Letter of the 29th of Decr. saying the Contractors have directions to have constantly in Store a sufficient quantity of provisions as well for the regular

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National Troops as for the Provincials which shall be raised in consequence of His Majesty's Orders, and I hope all this affair is now set right.

I have sent Webb's Regiment to Boston to assist in the Embarkation of Artillery, Stores &ca and Colonel Burton to Command the Embarkation and to proceed with them to Louisbourg; Lascelles's and Frasers Regiment will sail directly from hence to Cape Breton in the Transports I am taking up here and at Philadelphia and Br. General Monckton goes to Halifax to sail with the Troops from thence.

The New York Privateers have lately been very successful in having taken and sent into this Port eleven Prizes out of two and twenty Ships that sailed from St. Domingo under convoy of Le Palmier a 74 Gun Ship and a Frigate of 40 Guns, and one Ship from Martinique, the whole computed worth a Hundred and twenty thousand Pounds, the Privateers were left in chace of the remainder of the Fleet, and are all under orders to go to the River St. Lawrence. I am with the utmost Respect

Sir

Your most Humble

and most obedient Servant

Jeff: Amherst.

Rt. Honble. Mr. Pitt.

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Schedule of the Papers enclosed, and refer'd to, in Major General Amherst's Letter to the Right Hon:ble William Pitt, Esq:r, Dated New York, March 29th 1759.

1. Major Gen. Amherst's Circular Letter to the Governors of Pensylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, signifying to them, that Brig:r Gen. Stanwix is appointed to the Command of the Southward, and desiring that they will correspond and co-operate with Him . . . . . March 18th 1759

2. D:o . . . to the Governors of Virginia, Mariland, and Pensylvania; In Consequence of M:r Secretary Pitt's Circular Letter to them of the 23d Jan:ry . . March 25th

3. A Letter from Gov:r Wentworth to M. G. Amherst, in Answer to the General's of the 8th February, in Relation to Garrisoning N:o 4, Great Meadow &ca, and the Circular one of the 16th with Regard to the Levies; in Consequence of which they have voted 1000 if they can be raised in Time by Enlistment and 800 if impressed March 8th

4. M. G. Amherst to Gov:r Wentworth; In Answer to the Governors of the 28th Feb: wherein he expresses his Apprehensions, that the Troops of that Province will not be ready before the Beginning of May . . . . . March 11th

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5 Gov.r Wentworth to M: G. Amherst, enclosing the Re=
=solves of the Assembly to move the General
that their Troops may be transported to the
Place of Rendezvous by Water . . . . . March 13th:

6.. Resolves of the Council and Assembly of New
Hampshire; enclosed in the foregoing . . . Mar: 7th:

7... Gen. Amherst to Gov.r Wentworth; In Answer to
the Governors of the 8th: Instant, in Relation to
garrisoning Walpole Great Meadow &c with
further Instructions upon that Head .. And
Recommending that the Number of Men to be
furnished by New Hampshire for the ensuing
Campaign may not be less than 1000 . . . Mar: 18th:

8.. Gen: Amherst to Gov.r Wentworth, In Answer to
the Governors of the 13th: Instant, acquiescing
with their Troops coming by Water, directing
him to take up Sloops for that Purpose, fixing
their Price, and acquainting him with what
further Provision shall be made for them
by the Crown, as also in what Manner
he is to state and vouch his Accounts for
the Same . . . . . . March 25th:

9.. Gov.r Wentworth to Gen: Amherst, further Answer
to the Circular Letter of the 16th Feb.y express=
=ing his Apprehensions that it will be the Be=
=ginning of May, before it will be possible

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to assemble the whole Number of Men . . . Feb: 28th:

10. Extract of a Letter from Govr: Pownall to Major Gen: Amherst; answer'd the 23d:, vide Copy of that Letter . - - - - - - Mar: 11th: 1759

11.. Copy of a Letter from the Penobscot Indians to Govr: Pownall, and his Answer to the same enclosed in the Govrs: of the 11th: March . . .

12. M. G. Amherst to Govr: Pownall; Demand of 1000. of their Men for Garrisoning Louisbourg, and 1500. for Nova Scotia and the Bay of Fundy . - - - - - . Mar: 15th:

13.. Govr: Pownall to M. G. Amherst; acquainting the General with his Assembly having voted 5000. Men for the Service of the ensuing Campaign &ca N.B. 2000 less than they voted last year . - - - - - . Mar: 16th:

14. Answer of the Assembly of Boston to the Governors Message of the 13th: March bearing Date the 14th: enclosed in the Governors of the 16th: . .

15. Message from Govr: Pownall to his Assembly enclosed in the Govrs: of the 16th: . . . . March 13th:

16. M. G. Amherst to Govr: Pownall; desiring his Aid & Assistance to Colo: Burton, in the Embarkation of which he is to have the Command; that as Webb's Regiment is to be employ'd in that Service they may be quarter'd in Boston,

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and those of his Troops Demanded on the 15th: are also to embark there; wherefore he is desired to have them in such Readiness that they may be at Louisbourg by the 20th of April. - Mar: 19th

17. M. G. Amherst to Gov: Pownall, In Answer to the Gov. of the 11th and 16th Instant - Surprized at the Province having voted 2000 Men less this Year than the last, the General recommends an immediate Augmentation, - acquaints him with the Encouragement he proposes for that Purpose, and repeats his pressing Instances in Relation to the speedy collecting and repairing the Arms within the Province &c, &c, further desiring that those of his Troops destined to the Eastward may be the first supply'd out of them - Mar: 23d

18. M. G. Amherst to Gov: Pownall; in answer to the Gov. of the 18th Instant, acquainting the Gen. with the Assembly having recover'd their Good Humour. - The Generals satisfaction at the same and hoping it will be productive of the speedy Augmentation recommended by him &c &c . . . . Mar: 25th

19. Gov: Fitch to Gen: Amherst, desiring to know what their Men will be supplyed with by the Crown . . . . Feb: 23d

20. Extract of a Letter from Maj. Gen: Amherst to Gov: Fitch, in Answer to the Gov. of the 23d Feb: Mar: 6th

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21. Extract of a Letter from Gen. Amherst to Gov. Fitch Supplement to the Letter of the 6th acquainting him further that the Connecticut Troops are to march by Land, and with the Steps that have been taken in Consequence thereof. Mar: 25th.

22d. M. G. Amherst to Govr. Hopkins, that having received no Answer to the Circular Letter of the 16th. Feb the General Hopes the Rhode Island Troops are in such Readiness as to be able to set out upon the first Notice, for which Purpose he acquaints him with what Provision shall be made for them by the Crown, and in what Manner the Accounts for the same are to be stated and vouched . . . . . . Mar: 25th.

23. M. G. Amherst to Gov. De Lancey; desiring the Revival of the Act to prevent, purchasing, taking in Pledge or Exchange, Arms, Ammunition or Cloathing belonging to the Indians; the same being expired . . . Mar: 7th.

24th. Govr. De Lancey to M. G. Amherst; in Answer to the Generals of the 7th for the Revival of the Act to hinder People purchasing Arms &ca from the Indians, that the same has been complied with . . . . Mar: 8th.

25th. Govr. Denny to Major Gen. Amherst; enclosing an Address of the Assembly with Regard to

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various Grievances, which they insist should be redressed before they take the Supplies into Consideration . . . . Mar: 3d.

26th. An Address from the Assembly to the Governor, enclosed in Govr. Denny's of 3d. March . . Mar 2d.

27. M. G. Amherst to Govr. Denny, in Answer to the Govrs. of the 3d. Instant setting forth that the Assembly declined proceeding on the Supplies until their Grievances were redressed. – In Relation to Pittsburg &c and concerning Indian Affairs . . . . Mar: 7th.

28. Govr. Fauquier to M. G. Amherst acknowledging the Receipt of the Generals of the 11th: and 16th: Feb. and advising him of his not being certain to be able to attend the Meeting at Philadelphia . . . . . . March 2d.

29. M. G. Amherst to Govr. Fauquier; acknowledging the Receipt of the Governors of the 2d. Instant, and acquainting him that as it was not likely he would be able to come to Philadelphia, and that the General's other Business required his Presence here, he likewise declined going; therefore desires his Assistance to Brigr. Stanwix, and Coll. Byrd who was also set out to expedite the raising and equipping the Virginia

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Troops might meet with all the Encouragement and Dispatch possible . . . . Mar: 22d:

30. . M. G. Amherst to Govr: Littelton, in Answer to the Govrs of the 7th: February in Relation to a proposed Expedition against the Albama and Assumption Forts . . . . . Mar: 21st:

31. . Extract of a Letter from Govr: Lyttelton to M. G. Amherst, in Relation to an Expedition against the Albama and Assumption Forts. Feb: 7th:

32. Admiral Cotes's Opinion of the properest Time to attempt any thing up the River Mississippi enclosed in Govr: Lyttelton's of the 7th: Feb:

33. . M. G. Amherst to Admiral Durell, informing him of having desired Capt. Campbell of the Nightingale to stay to take under his Convoy the Troops &ca from hence; and Capt. Bond of the Hind, those from Boston; and desiring that if a Convoy is necessary from the Bay of Fundy, he would send a Ship thither for that Purpose . . . . Mar: 20th:

34. Extract from M. G. Amherst to B. G. Lawrence; in Relation to an Expedition to Cape Sable to be commanded by Capt. Goreham . . Mar: 9th:

35. Extract . . Do: to Do: acquainting him with the Expedition up the River St: Lawrence; with Instructions for the necessary Preparations Mar: 16th:

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36.. D.. to D. Information of what further Steps have been taken in Regard to the Embarkation since the Letter of the 16th on that Subject . . . . Mar: 23d.

37.. D. to Brigrs. Lawrence and Whitmore; Orders given for the Preparation of Sundries, for the Expedition up the River St. Lawrence, and List of Engineers that are to serve on the Same . . . . Mar: 16th.

38. List of the Corps for the Expedition against Quebec, enclosed in the Generals to Brigrs. Whitmore & Lawrence of the 16th March 1759 . . .

39.. M. G. Amherst to B. G. Whitmore in Relation to the Expedition intended up the River St. Lawrence . . . . Mar: 16th.

40. D. to D. Supplement to the Letter of the 16. Mar: 23d.

41. Hospital for the River St. Lawrence; Names of the Officers to attend said Hospital; fresh Provisions to be supplied by the Contractor, and List of the Stores to be furnished by Mr. Napier the Director.

42. M. G. Amherst to Col. Burton, appointing him to command the Embarkation at Boston (Orders to set out immediatily for that Place), and Instructions relative thereto . . . . . . Mar: 20th.

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43. Advertisement directing the absent Officers of the Corps destined for the Expedition against Quebec to repair to Boston, inserted in the New York Paper of the 18th March & enclosed to Col: Burton the 20th. . . .

44. Destination of 2500 Provincials of the Massachusets Government, enclosed to Col: Burton in the General's Letter of March 20th.

45. Maj: Gen: Amherst to Col: Burton; Additional Instructions in Relation to the Embarkation . . . . Mar: 23d.

46. M: G: Amherst to Col: Williamson; Orders forthwith to put the Battering Train & Stores in the most perfect Repair, so as to be ready to be employ'd against Quebec by the Beginning of May, and to be at Louisbourg by the 20th of April, and for him to take the Command of it with three Company's Order'd for that Service dat: Mar: 15th.

47. Orders to Col: James of Kennedy's and Lt: Col: Fletcher of Otway's Regiments in the Bay of Fundy, directing them to obey such Orders as they shall receive from Col: Burton . . . . . . Mar 20th.

48. Like Orders to Major Morris, Commanding 3 Comp.s of Otway's, and Mc Curdys

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Rangers at St. John's River, and to the Officer Commanding two Comps. of Otway's at Pisiquid . . . . . Same Date.

49 Like Orders to Capt. Danks of the Rangers at Fort Cumberland . . . . . Same Date.

50 Orders to the Officer Commanding a Detachment of the Garrison of Halifax at Lunenburg; directing that so soon as he is relieved by 200 Provincials, he do repair to Halifax with his Detachment & obey the Orders of Col. Burton . . . . . Same Date.

51. Orders to Capt. McCurdy of the Rangers, at St. John's River, directing him to put himself under the Command of Col. Burton, and obey his Instructions Same Date

52. M. G. Amherst to Capt. Loring, to supply Capt. Gorham with two Whale Boats for Halifax Mar 9th

53. D. . . to D: Orders to augment the Number of Whale Boats from 50 to 70 – to take up 3000 Ton of Transports and on what Conditions – and 40 Sloops or Schooners that draw but little Water . . . . . Mar: 15th

54. Rule for Measuring Vessels for Transports, enclosed in the Generals to Capt. Loring of March 15th

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55. M. G. Amherst to Capt Loring; Instructions for the fitting up and supplying the Transports - - - - - - - - March 17th.

56. D°. - - to D°. enclosing a List of Part of the Materials requisite for building an Hospital Capable to Contain 400 Cradles; with Orders to purchase the Same, and to ship them for Louisbourg - - - - Mar: 20th.

57. List of Materials for an Hospital; enclosed in the Generals to Capt. Loring of the 20th. March.

58. M. G. Amherst to Capt Loring; Directions to obey Col°. Burton's Orders, and to take up as many more Transport Vessels as there may be Occasion for, if the 20,000 Ton coming from England, should happen not to arrive in Time - Mar: 23d.

59 - M. G. Amherst to .. Bond Esqr. of the Hind Ship of War, desiring that as he was at Boston, he would remain there to take under his Convoy the Artillery and Col°. Webbs Regiment - - - - - Mar: 20th.

60. M. G. Amherst to Col°. Gridley, Proposal to raise a Company of 80 Carpenters, for the Service of the River S^t. Laurence, and to have the Command of them. - - - Mar: 15th.

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61. D.. to D:.. That if he accepts of the General's Proposals of the 15th he do put himself and his Company of Carpenters under the Command of Col: Burton . . . Mar: 23d.

62. M. G. Amherst to Major Scott; directing him forthwith to Collect the Recruiting Parties of the Rangers serving to the Eastward and to put themselves and him under the Command of Col: Burton . . . . . . Mar: 23d.

63. M. G. Amherst to Chris: Killy Esqr.; Directions to forward up Provisions immediately to Albany, that 1000 Half Barrels of Pork may be prepared for Transportation; and that by the Time the Troops may get the Lake, a Number of good Oxen might be drove up to it . . . Feb: 3d.

64.. Demand of Provisions for 13000 Men to the Eastward, and 30000 above Albany; deliver'd by the General himself to Mr. Killy . . March 20th.

65.. M. G. Amherst to Mr. Killy; Additional Instructions to those of the 21st directing the providing the Hospital Ship, with fresh Provisions and four Live Cows, for the Use of the Sick, and recommending that during the ensuing Campaign the Troops may have fresh Provisions issued to them at least twice a Week . . . . March 22d.

66 Mr. Kilby's Memorial, in Answer to the General's Demand of Provisions, bearing Date 21st. & 22d. Mar . . . . Mar 25th.

67. . Mr. Kilby to M. G. Amherst, in Consequence of an Extract of Mr. Secretary Pitts Letter of the 29th. December, in Relation to the Contractors, which was shewn him by the General . . Mar: 26th.

68. . Extract of a Letter from Mr. Kilby to Maj: Gen: Amherst; informing the General that no Means have or shall be neglected on his Part for the ample, Seasonable, and effectu=al Support of the Army . . . . . March 28th.

69. . M: G. Amherst to Capt: Campbell of the Night=ingale; desiring him to Use all Diligence in getting his Ship repair'd, that she may be able to take under Convoy, the Troops, Stores, &a from hence for Louisbourg, by the 1st. of April . . . . March 15th.

70. . Maj: Gen: Amherst to Col. Bouquet; State of the Affairs to the Southward . . . Mar: 5th.

71. . Extracts of Letters from Col. Bouquet to M. G. Amherst; State of Affairs to the Southward. March.

72. . Extracts from M. G. Amherst's Letters to Col. Bouquet In Answer to His on the State of Affairs to the Southward . . . . March.

73. . M. G. Amherst to Sr. John St. Clair; Orders forth=

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with to call in the outstanding Accounts
of the Expences incurred last Year for the
Operations to the Southward - - . March 7th.

74.. M. G. Amherst to B. G. Stanwix; Instructions
upon his Being appointed, to the Command
of the Southward, and Orders to repair thither Mar: 16th.

75. Extract of a Letter from M: G. Amherst to B.
G. Stanwix; In Consequence of Mr. Secry. Pitt's
Letter of the 23d. January to Brigr. Forbes - March 29th.

Endorsed Schedule of Papers referrd to / in General
Amherst's Letter to / Mr. Secretary Pitt. / Dated
New York March 29th. / 1759. / in M. G. Amherst's
of March 29: / 1759

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New York 18th March 1759.

Sir

It having become necessary, by the demise of Brig:r Gen:l Forbes, that an Officer of Rank and Ex=perience should without loss of Time proceed to Pensylvania to take on him the Command of His Majesty's regular Troops and those to be raised by the Southern Provinces, to Act in Conjunction for the Security and defence of those Provinces, or otherwise as opportunities shall offer or the Exigences may re=quire, I have thought it for the good of His Majesty's Service to Appoint Brig:r Gen: Stanwix to that Com=mand and he does accordingly set out to morrow for Philadelphia to take upon him the Same; I am therefore to request of You, that during such his Command, You will upon every Emergent occasion Cor=respond & Cooperate with him in the Same manner as You are enjoined by M:r Secretary Pitts Letter to do with me, which must prove of great benefit to the publick Service, as from my removal from hence into the back Country, whither I may be called soon, it might prove very Prejudicial to the Safety and Security of the Southern Provinces to wait for the Answers to any of the Letters You may have occasion to write to me in relation thereto, and I have accordingly directed Brig:r Gen:l Stanwix to Correspond

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& Cooperate with You in like Manner.

I have further directed Brig:r Gen.l Stanwix im=
=mediately upon his Arrival to call in all the outstand=
=ing Accounts of last Campaign and to cause them to
be Settled and Satisfied in Such manner that neither
the Inhabitants nor the Crown may be Sufferers; As this
must Sufficiently evince the desire I have of doing the
Inhabitants of Pensylvania all the Justice that lays in
my Power, I dare trust they will no longer be so blind
to their own Interest as to deferr granting the neces=
=sary Supplies for the raising & maintaining the body
of Troops that is Expected they will furnish for the
Operations of the ensuing Campaign.

Brig:r Gen.l Stanwix will likewise Consult You in
regard to Indian Affairs & do his utmost in Settling
every thing to their Satisfaction and His Majesty's In=
=dian Interest, in which I must beg of You, to give
him all the Assistance he may stand in need of, and
to furnish him with all the lights you are Capable of
from your Experience in those matters.

N.B. The two last paragraphs to Gov:r Denny only . . . .

Endorsed Circular to the Gov.rs of } Pensylvania / Maryland / Virginia / North
Carolina / South Carolina / & Georgia / March 18th 1759 / Signifying
to them that Brig:r Gen.l Stanwix is / Appointed to the Command of
the Southward & / desiring that they will Correspond & Cooperate with /
Him / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29: 1759. / 1.

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New York 28th March 1759 –

Sir

With my dispatches from Mr. Secretary Pitt this Moment received by the Halifax Packet came the inclosed for you, by which You will See, that the King has been pleased to direct me, & Brigr. Genl. Forbes, to lose no time in concerting the properest and Speediest means for compleatly restoring, if possible, the ruined Fort du Quesne to a defensible & respectable State, or for erecting another, in the room of it, of Sufficient Strength, and every way adequate to the great importance of the Several Objects of Maintaining His Majesty's Subjects in the undisputed possession of the Ohio; of effectually cutting off all Trade & Communication this way, between Canada and the Western & Southern Indians; of protecting the British Colonies from the Incursions to which they have been exposed Since the French built the above Fort, and thereby made themSelves Masters of the Navigation of the Ohio; & of fixing again the Several Indian Nations in their Alliance with and Dependance upon, His Majestys Government; – for all which wise and good purposes, it is His Majesty's Pleasure that You Should Use your utmost endeavours with Your Council & Assembly to induce them to exert every Means in their power for Collecting and

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forwarding the Materials of all Sorts, and the Workmen, which Shall be wanted, and which the Commander in Chief in North America, or Brig: Genl: Forbes, Shall re=quire for the Service; And that Your Province do also fur=nish every other assistance of Men, Cattle, Carriages, Provisions &ca &c that Shall be Necessary for the Support and Maintenance of the Kings Forces that Shall be Employed in this essential Work, as well as in all further Operations to be Undertaken in those parts the ensuing Campaign.

These directions being so full and Explicit leaves me Nothing further to add to them, than my Warmest Wishes and hopes that they will meet with a Speedy and Vigorous Execution as well on the part of Your Province as of those of Maryland & Pensylvania, who are equaly with You so particularly & Nearly interested there=in & to whom the Same is likewise recommended in the Strongest terms. –

And as I have already Signified to You that I had appointed Brig: Genl: Stanwix to Suc=ceed Brig: Genl: Forbes in the Command to the Southward, And desired of You to Correspond and Cooperate with him on every Matter relative to the Service in those Parts. I am now to request of You, that all the Aid and Assistance required

of you by Mr. Secretary Pitts within Letter, in favour of the late Brig.r Forbes, may be granted to Brig.r Stanwix, to enable him in the most Expeditious manner to Execute the before mentioned great and Salutary Work, or any other that may be found necessary for the good of the Service; and that You would look, upon whatever he may ask or require of Your Province during his continu=ance in that Command, as coming from myself. I am &c

Endorsed Copy of Circular / Letters to the Governors of / Virginia & Maryland & Pensylvania / March 28th. 1759 / In Consequence of Mr. Secretary Pitts Circular / Letter to them of the 23d. January. / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29. 1759. / 2.

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Copy Portsmouth, March 8th: 1759.

Sir,

I Had not Your Excellency's Letter of the 8th: of February in season to Answer by the Post, the Pe:=tition of Mr: Bellows and others enclosed therein, I have duly considered, and shall with the utmost diligence, raise and March a Company of One hun:=dred Men, properly Officered, to the relief of the Pe:=titioners, which will give them satisfaction, tho' the Number of Garrisons the Inhabitants have impru:=dently Erected, will Cause the Company to be divid:=ed into such small Parties, that in Case the Enemy should attempt a Decent on that Quarter, the Men cannot be of such real Service, as if they were divided into four Partys of Twenty five Men each, but as that may not give Content, I shall Order the Posts as in the last Year, unless You think proper to Alter it.

Captn: Surat ought by no means to have left this Post, without Genl: Abercromby's Orders, he being absolutely under his Command, as part of the New Hampshire Regiment raised for the Canada Expedition, and when he apply'd to me for Orders, it was my positive Orders that he did not move from his Post without the General's Orders, but on his Return, he Excuses himself by laying the blame on his Men, who were Enlisted to Serve Nine Months only, and that

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time Expired, they marched off without his leave, or Orders, this may partly be the Case, but it will not altogether Excuse him.

His Majesty's Additional Instructions of the 12th: August 1755, referred to in Your Letter, the Assembly have evaded, alledging that the Extraordinary Grants made for Crown Point, and Canada Expeditions, in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, have always exceeded their Ability; therefore they hoped the King's General would from time to time provide for the Exposed Posts, in consequence whereof Lord Loudoun and Genl: Abercromby made such a Provision for Connecticut River as they judged Proper, it being as much for the safety of the Massachusetts and Connecticut as New hampshire, tho' it lays within the Limits of this Government.

I have the pleasure now to inform You that in consequence of His Majesty's Commands signifyed to me by Mr: Pitt, and your Letter of the 16th: February the Council and Assembly have reported on my Message to raise 1000 Men, if they can be raised in time by Enlistment, and Eight hundred if they are Impressed, and an Act is preparing accordingly - My Success I shall hereafter Acquaint You with.

The Person that brings this is a Son and Executor to the Will of the late Colonel Meserve,

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who makes this Journey in order to settle his Father's
Affairs with the proper Officers, which in my Opini=
=on, I think, he ought to have done before the de=
=parture of General Abercromby ~

I am,

&ca

Endorsed Copy Letter from Govr. Wentworth to / M.
Gen. Amherst / Datd. Portsmouth March 8th / 1759 /
In Answer to the Genls. of the 8th February, in re=
=lation, to Garrisoning No. 4 Great Meadow &ca;
& the / Circular one of the 16th with regard to the
Levies; in Consequence of which they have voted 1000.
if they can be raised in time, by Enlistment &
800 / if Impressed / in M. G. Amherst's of March
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New York, March 11th: 1759 –

Sir

This Day I had Your Letter of the 28th: Ultimo, acquainting me with your Assembly being then sitting, and with your having laid before them H. M^s Commands, relative to the Forces expected to be raised by Your Government for the ensuing Campaign, and that so soon as Your Assembly should come to a Resolution thereupon you would not fail of informing me therewith and of the Success you should have in raising the Men; but that you are apprehensive, it will be the Begining of May before it will be possible to assemble the Whole Number of Men from Yours and those distant Provinces; – In Answer to which, I have to thank You, for Your Diligence and Zeal, & hope You will not only prove successful in the Votes of the Assembly, but in the quick and expeditious raising of their Numbers that they may join the other Provincial Troops and Regular Forces as early as possible, to act in Conjunction with them in the Operations intended to be undertaken. –

I am &ca

Govr: Wentworth. –

Endorsed To Govr: Wentworth / March 11th: 1759 – / In Answer to the Governors of the 28th: February, / wherein he Expresses his apprehensions that the / Troops of that province will not be ready before / the beginning of May. / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29. 1759 / 4.

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Portsmouth, March 13th 1759. -

Sir

The Resolve of the Council and Assembly of this Province, which I herewith transmit to your Excellency, arises from a Deficiency in the Treasury, in Silver, or Gold, to defray the Expence of Marching the Men by Land, and if it be consistent with You, to make the Provision desired, I am Hoping to receive Your Directions therein as soon as Possible, or such other Measures as You may think necessary for the Good of the Service.

I am with perfect Esteem,

Sir

Your Excellency's
most obedient
Humble Servant
B Wentworth

Copy

His Excellency General Amherst. -

Endorsed Copy / a Letter from Gov.r Wentworth / to M. G. Amherst / March 13th 1759 / Enclosing the Resolves of the Assembly to move the / Genl. that their Troops may be Transported to / the place of rendezvous by Water. / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29. 1759 / 5.

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New York 18th March 1759 ~

Sir

I see, with pleasure, by Your Letter of the 8th Instant how ready You are to raise & March with the utmost diligence a Company of one hundred Men properly Officer'd to the relief of the Petitioners of Walpole Great Meadow, Canoe Meadow, Fort Dummer and Winchester and hope that eere this they are on their road thither; with regard to the disposition You propose to make of them, I must own to You that it appears to me much more proper to leave that to Capt Cruikshanks, who Commands one of His Majesty's New York Independent Companies & whom I have Sent to No. 4, with his Company, Some time ago, as from his being on the Spot and from the Information he may have had of the Situation of the Country, and what Part of it requires the Most protection, he must be best Able to Judge of the Numbers each post may require for its Security

Therefore, You will direct the Commanding Officer of the Company you Send, immediately upon his Arrival at his Post, to apply to Captain Cruikshanks for his Orders

I readily Trusted You would not have called Capt. Sweat from his Post without previous Notice from M. G. Abercromby, and he is the more to Blame for having quitted it contrary to Your Orders as the Con:

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=sequences of his leaving it defenceless might have proved fatall to the Inhabitants of those Parts, I hope therefore that for the future this will not happen again, and I must desire that You will hereafter give such positive Orders to prevent it, that the Delinquents whoever they be, May meet with their due punishment.

I wait with Impatience to learn the Success You Shall meet with in Consequence of the Act that was pre=paring upon the report of Your Council & Assembly for raising the Number of Men that is Expected Your Province Shall furnish for the ensuing Campaign, but I must Observe to You at the Same time, and desire You to recommend it to them, that they may not fall Short of one Thousand which is the least I expect to Join me from New Hampshire.

It were to have been wished that Col.^o Messerve's Son had been here to Settle his Accounts during Mr Aber=cromby's time, but Since that is not the Case, he shall nevertheless meet with all the Countenance and Justice that his Fathers good Offices to the Publick and his Zeal for His Majesty's Service whilst living Entitle him to, and I Shall direct the proper Officers to Inspect & Settle his Accounts that I may direct the payment of them. I am &c

To Governor Wentworth

Endorsed To Governor Wentworth / March 15th 1759 / In Answer to the Gov.^rs of the 5.^t Instant in relation / to Garrisoning Walpole Great Meadow &c with / further Instructions upon that head -- And recommending that the numbers of Men to be furnished by New Hampshire for the ensuing Campaign / may not be less than 1000 / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29: 1759. / 7.

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New York 25th March 1759.

Sir

To enable you to Answer the resolves of the Coun=cil and Assembly of the Province where You Preside, which I received with your Letter of the 13th Instant, I lose no time in Acquainting You, that as I am ever willing to encour=age the Provinces and Colonies to ye Extent of my Abilities, I have taken into Consideration the deficiency of the Treasury of the Province in Silver or Gold to defray the Expence of Marching their Troops by Land; and that Nothing may retard their being properly Equiped and moved so as to be at the place of rendezvous by the time you Mentioned in Your former Letter, I readily consent to their being Transported to Al=bany by Water for which purpose You will cause to be hired a Sufficient Number of Sloops, capable to carry them thither the Masters of which Shall be entitled to Two Dollars or Sixteen Shillings New York Currency for the Passage of every man of those Troops, that Shall be Mustered on board his Sloop upon his Arrival at Albany aforesaid Wherefore You will observe to give Strict orders to the Commanding Officers of each of those Sloops not to Suffer any of their Men to come on Shoar untill they Shall have been so Muster'd by the proper Officer whom I Shall appoint for that purpose; And if it Should so happen that you could not within Your Province, provide a Sufficiency of Sloops capable of coming up so high as Albany and consequently

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be Obliged to Land those Troops at New York, in such case you will Send Certificates of the Number of these Men, for each of which, the Masters of those Sloops Shall receive thirteen Shil=
:lings like Currency freight.

You will likewise cause to be laid in a Sufficient quantity of Provisions for the Subsistance of Your Troops in their Passage from Newhampshire to Albany, for which an Allowance Shall be made by the Crown of four pence Sterling P^r. day for each Effective Man, from the day of their Several enlist=
:ments to that of their arrival at the Place of Rendez=
:vous, where the Same Shall be paid to the Colonel of the Regiment, upon his producing the proper Muster Roll Specify=
:ing the Mens Names, the day of their Enlistment and that upon which they do receive the Kings Provisions, which Muster Roll must be Supported by the Several Attestations of the Men before a publick Magistrate, without which it would be impossible to ascertain the real Numbers Enlisted, or the time during which they have entered into the Service, and con=
:sequently must create great difficulties and delays in passing the Accounts, which it is very requisite should, both for the Sake of the Province as well as the Crown, be avoided as much as Possible, wherefore I cannot be too particular on that head, and must further Add that as the Expence of Trans=
:porting & Victualling will run very high and the Success of all Operations depends greatly on the Superiority of Numbers and the goodness of them I hope it will be an additional motive

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to prevent the Enlistment of any unserviceable Old Men or Boys all which the Officers that I Shall appoint to Muster the Provincial Forces at the Place of Rendezvous will have directions to reject without any allowance for their freight and Billitting: to neither of which the deserters shall likewise have any Claim.

I am &ca

Endorsed To Govr. Wentworth / March 25th. 1759 / In An:=swer to the Governors of the 13th. Instant / acquainting with their Troops coming by Water; / directing him to take up Sloops for that / purpose, fixing their prices, and acquainting / him with what further provision shall be made / for them by the Crown; as also in what manner / he is to State & Vouch his Accounts for the / same / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29: 1759 / 8.

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Extract of a Letter from Govr. Pownall to Mr. Genl. Amherst Bearing date – Boston March 11th. 1759.

If by any means the Creating a Current Pay for the Provincials, could be rendered Practicable to the good Purposes I intend by it, 'twould Put the Army upon quite another footing than it has ever yet been. – I shall endeavor myself to do it for my own Troops, as I should think it unjust to ask anything of You for them, 'till by trying my utmost Endeavors, I found it impossible to Compass it without Your Assistance. – I shall therefore try it with my Assembly upon the following footing – We give our Soldiers Six Dollars Per Month, Three Dollars Per Month, together with the Kings Provisions is more than they will want to spend as they ought; however they would not be Contented with less; That is 4/6 Per Week; Now I propose that a Paymaster, who should be also Commissary of the Musters, should attend the Troops, and have with him as many Treasurer's Notes of 4/6 Each, as will Pay the Troops as follows, Namely, to each Captain Weekly for to Pay his Men, as many of these 4/6 Notes as he has Men actually in Service in his Company at that time: The Method I took last Year to break the Vile Custom of the Troops being ruined by Sutlers and Slopsellers, called Commissaries, would have had its Effect, had any One Person assisted in the Execution, but it was the

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Interest of all from head to foot to prevent the good Effect, and tho' they could not entirely, yet they did in great measure. But this Measure of a Current Pay would do independant, and in spight of all the Ef=forts of Corruption; With Your Assistance in breaking Every Officer of the Provincials that You found Suttling or Slopselling —

I Have had a sort of Message from the Penobscot Indians; I am not sure they did not Come as Spies; The Officer at George's very Properly kept one of the Mes=sengers Hostage, and I have Ordered him to be se=cured, and have given particular Orders to the Commander of the Fort to be upon his Guard either against a Surprise or an Assault, and in case of any apparent danger to call in a number of the Inhabitants into the Fort as a Rein=forcement. However in the meantime I answered the In=dian Letter, and Enclosed You have Copies of both.

As to the Affair of the Arms I have given Orders to the Commissary of the Province forthwith to get all the Province Arms We have left fitted up, which are better than 2000. As to any Arms delivered to the Troops of the Province last Year, except what Province Arms I ordered to be delivered to the Colonels together with 750 Bright by Mr. Abercromby, and several Chests of Province Arms which I sent to Albany to Mr. Abercromby, and have the Storekeeper's Receipt for — I know nothing. Any Kings Arms

deliver'd to my Colonels, from the Ordnance Stores or re-turned by them to the Ordnance Stores is an Affair between them and the King's General, when they ceased to be under my Command, and they are I suppose responsible for their several Indents not discharged; however I will acquaint them all what they stand Charged with, tho', I may add, that the Ordnance Returns of Albany, are very little to be depended, as I have heard of One of the Colonels being discharged, and near 80 Arms not Accounted for, which he has delivered to the Commissary of the Province, which I will See shall be issued to the Troops; Other Colonels on the other hand have delivered to the Stores at Albany many Province Arms over and above the number that they received of King's Arms; However all that I can Collect of every Sort, shall be fitted up, and issued to the Troops. As the King requires nothing but the Levy Cloathing and Pay of the Troops from the Colonies, The Province will not make provision for this Expence about the Arms; however I will follow his Majesty's Orders in the Shape You desire, and I hope I shall not be left to pay it out my own Purse. —

Your Advertisement directing Persons having Claims of Dues from the Service, to Send in their Accounts and Claims, is most judicious and Comes very opportunely to Stop even Oc-

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:casions which Bad Men of the Old Leaven will take to hurt the Service — I have Ordered it to be put in the Prints. —

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Men of Penobscott

Last fall ye attempted to strike us, but could not. Now ye come with fair words and tell me ye will be ffriends. Do ye think we are women, to be beat and to love ye the more because we fear you. No. We are men we fear ye not, Do you think we are Chil=dren, Deceive not yourselves, you cannot Deceive us. We know your Distress you brought it upon yourselves, you have often and of old times acknowledged your=selves Our Brethren and the same as we are, Sub=jects of King George Ye have broke your ffaith, Ye have forfeited your Liberty, your Lands, Your lives, And what have ye gott in Return, The French treat you as their Dogs and send ye to hunt their Enemies, and when ye Return do not feed ye, but beat you, We pity you, If you repent and desire it truly come to us, and we will protect your Persons and Families, Ye say ye are old and cannot travell. I am Young & can travell any where, you need not come to Boston, I will see ye at Georges and if I find you not there I will seek ye out, If you be what you say and desire to be our ffriends, Tell me where our Ene=mies are, how many there are of them at each place, both Indians and French ~ Tell me what is in their Hearts to do this Spring. Unless ye tell me this by a Message before ye come, and tell me true

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I will not listen to you, for without this Proof I will not believe you. Beware ye come not with Treachery in your hearts, I can by your Deeds see into your hearts, and if I see treachery there, ye are no more men, Ye shall be as the Wolves in the Woods and I and my People will hunt you out, If you seek Peace, you may live in Security and Plenty, If you seek war you seek your own Destruction.

I the Governor and my Council tell ye this

T. Pownall

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from the Penobscott / Indians, to Gov.r Pownall & his Answer / thereto / Enclosed in the Gov.rs of the 11th March 1759

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We are come in Love and Peace, we are sent by twelve of the Chiefs of our Tribe of Penobscot to salute the Governor and Council, they would have come in themselves, but the Season is such they could not travel, but they have sent us to write thus their hearts; We have been very ill treated by the ffrench, they have slain four of our People which we sent to Canada last fall to get us some Supplys; The ffrench say we are Englishmen, and that if we meet with Englishmen, we pass by them so they will give us no Supplys; we are desireous to send up some of our Chiefs to Boston to treat with the Governor, and to show that our hearts are Right, we have sent one of our Young men to be left as a Hostage till we have received an Answer, There shall be no Mischief done on our side against the English, and if we know of any other Indians coming against you we will inform you, we want an Answer soon, for twelve of us will be in as soon as we can travell may be in one Month -

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from the Penobscot Indians / to Governor Pownall and his answer to / the same / Enclosed in the Govrs of 11th March 1759. / in Mr. G. Amherst's of March 29: 1759 / 11.

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New York 15 March 1759 –

Sir

Late last Night arriv'd the Mail by the Genl Wall packet who left Falmouth the 20th of January, and early this Morning I sent to the Post Office for Your Letters which are only three in Number & which will be delivered to You together with this by Major Scott.

By those Letters You will doubtless be in=formed that an Expedition up the River St Lawrence is intended, and as this Expedition must take away a part of the Garrison of Louisburg, I have, in Order to provide for the Security of that most Important Place, received His Majesty's Orders to replace the part of the Garrison that will be Sent up the River by a Batt^n of Provincials of not less than one thousand Men to remain there in Garrison only so long as may be absolutely necessary and on a certainty of being relieved the end of the Campaign by His Majesty's regular Troops.

The greatest part of the Troops in Nova Scotia & the Bay of Fundy will likewise be order'd on the Same Expedition wherefore it will also be Absolutely Necessary to have a Body of Provincials to Join what may remain of the Kings regular Troops for the Pro=tection of Halifax the Province of Nova Scotia and the Bay of Fundy who will be releived in like
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Manner as those in the Garrison of Louisburg; and that it may be intirely out of the power of the Enemy to make any Attack on all or either of those Places I have received His Majesty's Commands to Send 1500 Provincials for that Service.

Transports Shall be provided at Boston or Sent there, to take the 2500 Men to their destination, so early, that the Troops from Halifax & Nova Scotia may be Assembled at Louisburg, to Join the part of that Garrison & other Governments intended for the Expedition, that the whole may be ready to Sail from Louis=burg on or About the 7th of May.

Altho' His Majesty has not particular=ly directed that the Troops of the Massachusetts Bay should be employed on this Expedition, Yet from their prox=imity to Nova Scotia, the Shortness of the Pas=sage from Boston to it, the Saving it will be to the publick in transporting them by Sea reather than march them by Land from the different parts of the Province to Albany; and the great Inclination I know the People of New England particularly those of Your Government, have always Shown to be employed up the River St. Laurence, have made me think it for the good of the Ser=vice, and has determined me to give them the preference upon this Occasion for altho' I

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mention they are to Garrison those places only, Yet I make no doubt but Some of them may Ac=company the regular Troops

I am &c

To His Excellency Govr. Pownall

Endorsed To Govr. Pownall / March 15th 1759 / demand of 1000 of their Men for Garrisoning Louisburg / and 1500. for Nova Scotia & the Bay of Fundy. / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29. 1759. / 12.

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Copy Boston, March 16th: 1759.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to Acquaint You that this Province, which hath on every Occasion of the King's Service Exerted itself, hath this Year, notwithstanding the Exhausted State it is in as to Men, and the great difficulties it labours under in its Treasury, made provision for the Raising 5,000 Men for the General Service and have by an Act, Enabled me to Draught the same out of the Militia on the Sixth day of April, if not raised by Enlistment by that time.

Having received His Majesty's Commands to Urge the General Court to raise the same number of Men as they did last Year, or as many more as the number of Inhabitants would Allow: As I knew it would be impracticable to get them to Vote more Men at this Levy, I did not Urge it in that Light, but receiving what they already had done in Part as the best means to raise such Men as were immediately wanted for the most Early Operations of the Campaign, I by the enclosed Message Urged them to make such Augmentations as should be necessary for the future Operations of the Campaign. In answer to which I have received the Message Enclosed, in which altho' they do not expressly promise me to make an Augmentation, Yet I am assured that it is their intention, should any Event or Operation of the

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Campaign render more Men absolutely necessary, to make an Augmentation in such Emergency.

As it has been usual to have our Men paid their Billeting Money before their March, and as there have been times when it were difficult to prevent Mutiny for want of such, I must beg leave to recommend to Your Consideration the Ordering some Person to Worcester, there to Muster, and to Pay the Respective Companies their Billetting Money, according to Rolls made up as You direct - A Small Sum, not above £1500 Sterl.g would be wanted for it; it would make the Shortest Work, and save a deal of Accounts that are always an Embarrass at the Close of a Campaign.

I do not presume to direct, but I think it might be more easily done there than in Albany

Altho' Recruiting Parties, and other small Bodies of Men may be marched thro' the Province, and even larger Numbers, while they live seperate in their respective Towns, may be Subsisted in it, by allowing them 4d. per day in lieu of Provisions, Yet if my Troops were ready at this hour, I could not Collect nor March them in a Body, or even by Regiments unless Magazines were fixed at Worcester and Springfield as was done last Year. - I must therefore beg leave to desire You to Order such Magazines to be fixed, and Persons to deliver out such Provisions by the time the Troops are ready

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to March, as was done last Year. —

I much doubt and can give You no hopes of the Mens bringing their own Arms this Year. The difficulty in this Case is Occasioned by their not having been paid for those lost or spoiled, which they Carried last Year, according to my Proclamation, founded on General Abercromby's Letters to me that he gave out in publick Orders before the Troops were dismissed that Accounts of those lost and Spoiled should be delivered in, in order that the Owner might be satisfyed. I take it to be their own fault that they were not, However as this would prevent their taking their own Arms this Year, I have directed Colonl: Brattle to Advertise that such as lost their Arms, or had them spoilt in actuall Service, and can produce sufficient Evidence thereof, to send such Accounts so Vouch'd to him in order that he may transmitt them: If this matter were settled I Should hope to get some to take their own Arms.

I am

&c

Endorsed Copy Letter from / Govr: Pownall to M: G: Amherst / Datd. Boston March 16th. 1759 / Acquainting the Genl. with his Assembly having / Voted 5000 Men for the Service of the ensuing / Campaign &ca. / N B. 2000. less than they Voted last year. / in M: G: Amherst's of March 29: 1759 / 13.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay.

Message of the Council and House of Representatives March 14th. 1759 - To His Excellency Thomas Pownall Esqr. Captain General & Governor in Chief in and over said Province

May it please your Excellency

Your Excellencys Message of the 13th. Instant has been maturely considered by the two houses. Our past Conduct must convince Your Excellency of our Loyalty and Zeal. We have had no Regard to Quotas, but have been governed by the Importance of the Service. Our Disposition is the same now that it always has been Considering how much the Province is exhausted both of Money and Men, we imagine it will be as difficult to raise 5000 men this Year as it was to raise 7000 the last Year, and we know the Distresses then brought upon this Province were as great as it could well support itself under.

What the Articles of the Province will admitt of, or what the Importance of the Service may make further necessary after the 5000 men now voted shall be raisd we cannot at present determine. Upon Emergencies the Province has always exerted itself to the outmost, and we doubt not it will continue to do so

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Gentlemen of the Council and House of Representatives.

As the Success of the Ensuing Campaign will greatly depend upon the Expedition with which the Forces are Raised, and as the Raising at Once such a Body of Troops by this Province, as His Majesty Expects, might be productive of dangerous delays, I hope it will be no prejudice to the Service that You have now Agreed to raise a less Number than You did raise at once last Year, as by that means, if You make proper Pro=vision therefore, they may be so raised as to join His Majesty's Forces in their Earliest Operations, which might have been impracticable (in the present Exhausted State of the Pro=vince) had a larger Number been now agreed to be raised at Once.

'Tis now impossible to know what Additional Numbers, the Events and Operations of this most important Campaign may require, But as His Ma=jesty Expected that the Zeal of this Province for His Service, and for the Cause in which Your all is at Stake, would prompt You to raise at least as many Men as You did last Year; and as this number was Probably Part of that Estimate of Force, to which the Plan of Operations was Adapted, a Failure on Your Part may break the Mea=sures, and be of the most fatal Consequence.

I am Sensible of Your Zeal in His Majesty's Ser=vice, and the Extraordinary Efforts which were then

made: I am sensible that the more by these repeated Efforts, You are Exhausted of Men or Money, the more difficult it is to raise the One or the Other; but in proportion to the Diffi=culties You bring Yourselves under by Your Zeal for the King's Service, in the same Proportion You may hope for, and the more depend on, His Gracious Consideration and Relief.

I Must therefore Recommend to Your Considera=tion what is further to be done for His Majesty's Service and for Yourselves at this Crisis. I trust as You have al=ways from the beginning done, You will now at the last continue to Resolve and Act with Vigour, propor=tionate to Your Zeal for Your King, and Your Love for Your Country, and that You will make such further Augmentation as shall be necessary in the future Oper=ations of the Year –

T. Pownall

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Endorsed Message from / Gov.r Pownall to His /Assembly 13.th March 1759/ Enclosed in the Gov.rs of the 16.th / in M: G: Amherst's of March 29: 1759/ 15.

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New York, 19th March 1759.

Sir,

Col: Webb's Regiment being One of those that are to Serve on the Expedition up the River St. Lawrence, I propose to Send them to Boston without loss of time, and as they are to Embark the Artillery, and will be constantly Employed during their Stay there, it would be Extremely inconvenient that they should be Quartered in Castle William, I hope therefore that You will be so good as to procure them Quarters in Town, and they will be furnished with Provisions from the Contractor, and that no inconvenience may arise from their being in Town, and that all kind of regularity may be kept up, I will Send Col: Burton to You, who will have the Care of the Embarkation, in which I must beg of You to lend him all the Aid and Assistance he may stand in need of.

The Troops of Your Province whom I mentioned to You in my last I intended for Louisbourg and Nova Scotia, will also Embark at Boston, for which purpose I have already Ordered Capt: Loring to take up at that place Three thousand Tons of Transport Vessels, together with Forty Sloops or Schooners that draw but little Water; And by this day's Post he receives my Directions in what manner to Equip them; I have likewise Ordered Three thousand Tons more to be taken up here and at Philadelphia, Part of which will be

sent to Your Port, as the Three thousand Tons to be taken up there, will not Suffice for the Artillery, Webb's Regiment, and Your 2500 Provincials; And as all the Troops that are to serve on that Expedition are by His Majesty's Orders to Rendezvous at Cape Breton, as near as may be about the 20th of April, You see there is no time to lose in Raising and Equipping Your People, and from Your Usual Zeal and Vigilance I trust they will be ready so as to be there by the above mentioned time.

At the same time that I Received these Orders I was likewise informed that Twenty thousand Tons of Transport Vessels were preparing in England to be sent to this Place, but tho' they are Ordered here, yet as some may very probably drop into Hallifax Harbour; I have taken the precaution to write to Brig.r General Lawrence, that if this should happen, and their Numbers Exceeded what was requisite for receiving the Garrison of Hallifax, he should immediately send some to Boston, to take in the Artillery, Webb's Regiment and the Provincials, by which I am in hopes We shall not fail of fullfilling His Majesty's Instructions.

Enclosed is an Advertisement which I would beg the favour of You to have Inserted in Your Papers.

I am to Acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letters

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& the 11th and 12th by the last Post, which I have not time now to Answer, but as I see You were to send me an Express in a day or two after their date, I shall wait his Arrival, and defer it 'till his Return.

I am,

&ca.

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Major Gen: Amherst
To Gov.r Pownall

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Endorsed Copy / Letter from M: G: Amherst / To Gov.r Pownall Boston / Dated at New York / March 19th 1759 / desiring his Aid & Assistance to Col. Burton in the / Embarkation of which he is to have the Command; that as Ness Regt is to be Employed in that / Service, they may be Quarter'd in Boston; and that / those of the Troops demanded on the 15th are also to / Embark there, wherefore he is desired to have them / in such readiness, that they may be at Louisbourg / by the 20th of April. / in M: G: Amherst's of March 29: 1759 / 16.

New York, 23.d March 1759.

Sir,

I Have now before me your Two Letters of the 11th and 16th Instant, the first of which I have already acknowledged, and shall make Answer to, so soon as I have taken into Consideration the Subject Matter of the latter, which I am Sorry to Say, by no means Answers my Expectations, which, from M.r Secretary Pitt's Letter, were very Sanguine, that the Province of the Massachusett's Bay, upon this Urgent and important Occasion, would not have Exerted themselves less this Year than they did the last; especially as in all human probability, this Campaign must put an End to the War in this Country, if the Respective Provinces did furnish the Aid and Assistance recommended to and Expected from them; And how the other Provinces will Act, when they see that of the Massachusett's, who generall gives the Lead, has Voted 2000 Men less than they did the Year before, is to me a Matter of doubt, and I must Own I cannot but think it must be productive of the worst of Consequences, and perhaps Subvert the Wise Measures plann'd at home for the entire Reduction of Canada, and the giving a lasting Peace to this Country, which I again repeat, under the Divine Providence, could not fail of Success, if the Colonies were to Exert themselves

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upon this Occasion as is recommended to, and behoves them both for the honour of their Country, and the Quiet and peaceable Possession of their Liberties and Properties; And as nothing can more effectually Answer those great and wished for Ends, thereby making the most Vigorous and Early Efforts, on which all depends, and which I am resolved to pursue, You will be Sen=sible that an Augmentation after that cannot avail the present intended Operations; I must therefore request of You, to lose no Time in Obtaining as great an Augmen=tation as possible, in order that they may be at the place of Rendezvous, by the same time with the Others of Your Province, that are destined to Serve under me, which upon the whole will not be many, since 2500 of them are, as I mentioned to You before, Allotted for the Service to the Eastward, and that You have taken 400. for Penobscot.

To Enable You the better to Answer this so ne=cessary, and requisite Measure, nothing shall be want=ing on my side to give Your People all due Encour=agement: Therefore, Mr. Kilby shall have Orders to form Magazines at Worcester and Springfield; And to the first of those places, I will send an Officer of Rank to Muster them, who shall be furnished with Money to pay the Several Colonels of the respective Regiments Four pence Sterling a day for each Effective Man, from

the day of his Enlistment until that of his Arrival at Worcester; where he will give Orders to the Commissary of Provisions, to supply such Men with a number of days Provisions sufficient to Carry them to Springfield. At which place they shall again be Mustered by another Officer, and in like manner as above, receive One Ration of Provisions per diem for every Effective Man, for so many days as will Carry them to Albany: Observing nevertheless that neither Money nor Provisions shall be allowed either to unserviceable Old Men or Boys, who can only Clog the Service, and no ways Answer the Ends they are directed to be raised for; This Arrangement, I apprehend, will Obviate all difficulties as well on the part of the Province as the Crown, and render Accounts between them, for the future, much more Clear and easy to Settle, and will enable You to March Your Troops all at once to the Place of Rendezvous by the time I mentioned to You in my former Letter.

After the Offer I made You, by way of Encouragement to such of Your Men as had their own Arms, to bring them in upon being allowed 25s/- Sterlg. for Every One that should be rendered useless or lost in the Service, I little Expected any difficulties would have been started in the ready Compliance thereto, as I naturally Expected Every Man who is used to his Gun

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would much rather Chuse to make use of his Own, than to trust to One that he is a Stranger to; And with regard to their Excuse, that those under the like Cir=cumstances last Year had not been Satisfied, I cannot help looking upon as very frivolous, since it was thro' their own Neglect that they did not re=ceive the Compensation promised by my Predecessor, who certainly could do no more than to give out in Publick Orders where they were to Apply for those Damages, therefore if they Omitted to Claim the same, it is their faults, which at this time will not admit of a Retrospect, and with Your Recommendation, I trust that those who have any Arms of their own, will bring them in, upon the assurances I have Enabled You to give them, to recompense them at the rate be=fore mentioned for all such, as shall during the En=suing Campaign be lost, or Rendered useless in Ac=tuall Service.

Thus far Your Letter of the 16th; I now Return to the first, and shall begin with Your Plan for Creat=ing a Current Pay for the Troops of your Province, which I cannot but approve of, and for which You shall meet all the Encouragement and Weight that I possibly can give it, as shall also your Proposal of putting an entire stop to the Suttling and Slop Selling of Your Officers, which is one of the most pernicious Practices

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that can attend an Army, and which cannot be too soon abolished.

Your Answer as well as the precaution You Used in regard to the Penobscot Indians was most proper, and nothing remains now to be done, which I most earnestly recommend to You, but to Use all Means to bring them over to our Interest, in default of their Acceptance of which, You have a sufficient Force to Compell them thereto.

I am sorry there should be room to have little dependance on the Returns of the Ordnance of Albany, whatever may have happened before my time, I cannot positively assert, but at present those Returns are made me from Vouchers, by which it appears that 2069 of the Arms issued to Your Troops last Year, have not been returned, consequently they are forthcoming, and those together with the 2000 and upwards, that You have in the Province, will go a great way towards making up the Numbers, in case those coming out from England should not Arrive in time; however if they should not, what I have in Store of Arms, together with those I Expect to have furnished and returned by the Provinces, will Answer all our Purposes; provided the Colonies do really bring in as many as it is known their Ablities will allow of; I have likewise taken Care to Secure a sufficiency of

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Serviceable Tents, for fear that through some Accident those ordered from home, should not be here in Time; this being the Case; and least there should not be a sufficiency of Arms at Louisbourg and the Bay of Fundy, to furnish Your People with, I must desire that those whom You will send thither may be the first that are provided with Arms, as I shall take Care of the Others, which will obviate all inconveniencies that may arise.

I Return You thanks for Capt. Nichols's Journal up Kennebeck River.

Capt. Gorham, who went thro' Your Government, some time ago in his way to Hallifax, carried directions from Me to Brigadier General Lawrence, to Detach him with 150 of his Rangers, and 50 of the Light Infantry of the Four Battalions at Hallifax, to Cape Sable, to bring away the Inhabitants and few Indians that might remain there, and if that could not be done, to force them to give themselves up, in which, if it had not already been done, Capt. Gorham seemed confident of Success; so that I am hopefull this Business will take place, before the Entering upon the other Stipulated Operations.

I Mentioned to You in my last that I had appointed Colonel Burton to Command the Embarkation at your Port, and begged of You to give him all the Assistance he may stand in need of, which

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I now beg leave to recommend to You again, and to de=:=sire the same Favor in behalf of Capt. Loring, who has Orders to take up the Shipping as I should be very sorry that the Expedition up the River St. Lawrence, should not be forwarded as Early, and compleated in the best manner possible.

I Also mentioned to You in this Letter, that neither unserviceable Old Men, nor Boys, should be passed at the Musters, but as I am Sensible that some Men of cer=:=tain Years are yet hale and Active, tho' not fit for the fatigue of a Campaign in the Woods, and that doubt=:=less You may have some of them among your Levies, I have directed Colonel Burton, in his Review of the Troops that are to Serve to the Eastward to Pass them, as they may be very fit for Garrison Duty.

I am

&c.a —

His Excell.y Gov.r Pownall

Endorsed To Gov.r Pownall / March 23.d 1759. / In An=:=swer to the Governors of the 11th & 16th Instant. / Surprised at the province having voted 2000 Men / less this year than the last, the general recommends / an immediate Augmentation — Acquaints him / with the Encouragement he proposes for that purpose / and repeats his pressing instances in relation /

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to the Speedy Collecting & repairing the Arms/ within the Province &c. further desiring that/ those of his Troops destined to the Eastward may/ be the first supplied out of them. / in M: G: Amherst's of March 29. 1759./ 17.

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New York 25th. March 1759.

Sir,

I Wrote You very fully on the 15th: 19th: and 23d: Instant, since when I have received Yours of the 12th: Enclosing the Commissary Genl: of the Province his Account of Arms Issued by, and returned to, the King's Commissaries, which does not seem to tally with the Return of the Board of Ordnance, who must have Com=mitted some mistake, which I shall Examine into, and Cause to be Rectifyed.

I am very glad that Your House of Represen=tatives have come to themselves again, and should have been very Sorry that at this present urgent and decisive Crisis, they had given room to Suspect any diminution in their former Zeal in behalf of the Pub=lick Cause; The Additional Provision for Thirty Watch boats to each Regiment is publick Spirited, and from the tender Care and Regard this shews they have for the Preservation of the healths of the Men, must certainly Encourage them to Come in fast and in Numbers; from all which I am hopefull You will prove successfull in your demand of an immediate Augmentation, which I cannot too often desire You to Recommend to them in the strongest manner.

As You imagine the measure of Supplying the Men by the Commissary General at the first Cost,

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with all necessary Stores, better than that of the Current Pay by Notes, it certainly deserves the pre=ference, and You may depend on its meeting from me all the Countenance You can desire, and as nothing is so pernicious as an improper use of Rum, to which I have an utter Abhorrence, You may rely on my pro=hibiting the Sale of it, but as at times, such as after Labour Duties of fatigue, a small quantity cannot but be serviceable to them, and which we constantly Allow upon those Occasions to the Regular Troops, I shall in like manner, and in such Cases, direct the same to be Issued to the Provincial Forces, by Persons in whom We may Confide for the Discharge of that trust, and I doubt not but the Provincials themselves will soon be Sensible of the good resulting to them from such a Measure, and little by little, Estrange themselves from the immediate use of that, or any other Spirit=ous Liquors. I am, &ca –

His Excell^y. Govr. Pownall.

Endorsed To Govr. Pownall / March 25th. 1759 / In Answer to the Gov^rs. of the 18th. Instant, Acquainting / the General with the Assembly having recovered their / Ill humor – the General's satisfaction at the same / & hoping it will be productive of the Speedy / Augmentation recommended by him &c &c / in M: G: Amherst's of March 29. 1759 / 18.

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Norwalk 23^d February 1759

Sir

As it will be of great Advantage towards Pro=
=moting and facilitating the Provincial Levies for the Ser=
=vice of the ensuing Campaign to publish all the En=
=couragments given not only by the Government, but also
such as the King has been graciously pleasd to grant
and order; I beg you will be so good as to favour me
with such Assurances (as you may judge proper) Rela=
=tive to some Articles which are to be supplied at
the Expence of the Crown, that I may in Season be
able to acquaint the Inhabitants as well with the Encour=
=agement on the part of the Crown as with those the Gov=
=ernment shall think proper to give to induce men vol=
=untarily to engage in this important Service. I would
particularly mention that Subsistence of the men from
the time they enter into the Service untill they join the Army
and what Assistance they may expect in their March to
Albany (some I suppose will go by Water and some by Land)
also when the Tents and Camp Uttensills will be ready
and where delivered and what Provision of Medicines & ne=
=cessaries for the sick will be made: Last Year the Gen=
=eral gave publick Assurance the men if they subsisted
themselves should receive for it four pence Sterling a
day from the Date of their Enlistment till they re=
=ceived the Kings Provisions. The Transports also which

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carried those Troops that went by water to Albany were
paid for by the Crown; and I can't see but the neces:
:sary Carriages attending the Companies which march by
Land should be paid for in the same manner, what
was done in regard to them last Year, I am not
certain yet I conceive it to be a very clear Point that
the Carriages as well as the Transports should be paid
for, And altho' all the Particulars before mention'd
were not supplied by the Kings Officers last Year, but
the Government was forced to provide some of them; Yet as the
King has been graciously pleased to signify by Mr. Secretary Pitts Circular
Letter of the 9th December last that the whole that His Majesty expects and
requires of the Provinces is the Levying Cloathing and Pay of the men; it ap:
:pears to me very plain that those Articles which are not included in the
three before named are not to be supplied by the Provinces and consequently
are to be provided agreable to His Majestys gracious Intentions at the Cost
of the Crown. You will be pleased to favour me with your Answer that I
may be better furnished to forward and promote the Service & in getting
them ready to march as soon as the Season will admitt, and hope
in a short time to acquaint you with the Resolution of the Assembly,
the Members of which seems disposed to exert themselves to the ut:
:most of their Ability on this great Occasion. I am Sir

With very great Respect / Your Excellencys most obedient and

Most humble Servant / Thos. Fitch

Endorsed Copy Govr. Fitch 23d. Febr. / Recd. 26th. Do. / Ansd. 6th. March /
desiring to know what their Men will be supplied with by the Crown. /
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Extract of a Letter from M. Gen: Amherst to Govr. Fitch Bearing date New York 6th. March 1759.

I come now, Sir, to Your Letter of the 23d.: but before I proceed upon it any farther, I must first express to You, how agreable it it to me, to find that the Members of your Assembly appear disposed to Exert themselves to the utmost of their Abilities on the present great Occasion, in which Sentiments I dare trust they will Continue, and deserve His Majesty's gracious approbation, which I shall have a secret satisfaction in Conveying to them, as well as to Yourself, for the share You will naturally have in it; and as an Encouragment for such an Exertion on their part, You may communicate to them from me, that in order to Comply with Mr. Secretary Pitt's Circular Letter of the 9th. December, and the Custom of the Service, I have now under Consideration such things as it will be necessary to furnish the Provincial Troops with at the Expence of the Crown, as well as those which it is requisite they should Come provided with, at the Charge of the Province, which, when digested, will be a standing Rule for all the Provincial Troops in general, and will be transmitted to You as such; meanwhile You may assure them, that their Troops shall be Entitled to Provisions or 4d. Per diem in lieu thereof from the day of their Enlistment, to that of their Arrival at the place of Rendezvous,

where they are all to be Mustered, and none but what come provided with an Attestation setting forth the day of their Enlistment, will be Entitled to such Allowance; this is absolutely necessary to prevent Mistakes and Confusion in Accounts. As to what Assistance they may Expect in their March to Albany, if You understand from thence Carriages, they have never been allowed by the Crown, who Expects that the Troops raised by the Provinces, should in like manner as the Regular Forces, Carry their Baggage to the Place of Rendezvous at their own Cost. — It is true that the Crown has been at the Expence of Transporting those that came by Water and will be again at that Charge, if there should be a necessity to move them in that manner, which was done for the quicker dispatch, but I propose to march them by Land; however if any should come by Water, their freight shall be paid at the rate of 6/- New York Currency ℔ Man, wherefore to ascertain their real Numbers, and in order to keep up to the proposed regularity in Accounts, there must be proper Certificates transmitted of the number that shall have so Embarked; — As to Tents they are coming out from England, but supposing they should not arrive in time, I am fortunate enough to have a sufficiency in the King's Store to Supply the

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Connecticut Troops with, and they shall be Issued to them at Albany: Camp Utensils and Medicines must be provided by the Colony in the same manner as was settled last Year, between Your Commissioners and Major General Abercromby —

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New York, 25th March 1759.

Sir,

As I have not yet received Your Answer to Mine of the 16th and 20th of last Month, I naturally Conclude that You have succeeded with Your Assem=bly in Obtaining from them what I requested of You, by virtue of Mr Secretary Pitt's Letter of the 9th of De=cember last, and that the first notice I shall re=ceive from You, I hope soon, will be, that the Troops in the Service of the Colony of Rhode Island are ready to take their departure for the Place of Rendezvous; In that Confidence, and in Order to prevent as much as in me lays, the arising of any difficulties in this Years Accounts, as was the Case in the pre=ceding, I now send You for Your Guidance the Method You will be pleased to Observe in Stating them in such manner as will Warrant to me the Payment thereof.

In Order to this, I must recommend to You, that those Accounts may be kept in the Form I transmitted to You on the 20th of February, and be, as I then mentioned, Attested by the Muster Master General of the Colony of Rhode Island, or Yourself, Certifying that the Men specifyed there=in, were actually in the Pay of the Colony on the day of the Receipt of Mine of the 16th of last Month,

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and Continued therein for the Service of the Ensu=
=ing Campaign, by virtue of which, they will, from
that day untill that of their receiving the Kings
Provisions, be Entitled to Four Pence Sterling each
Per diem in lieu of those Provisions; as will likewise
those that may have been Enlisted thereafter to Com=
=pleat your Quota, from the day of such their Enlist=
=ment, to ascertain which, You will transmit,
along with the Muster Rolls, their several attesta=
=tions taken before a Publick Magistrate. All which
upon their Arrival at Albany, shall be laid before
the Officer whom I shall appoint to Muster them,
who will have directions to Pay them Four Pences
for every Effective Man, that he shall so Muster.

And as it will be a great ease to Your
Troops, to transport them by Water, rather than
March them by Land, You will of Course take up
as many Sloops as You shall think necessary for
that purpose, and Cause them to be Victualled with
a sufficient Quantity of Provisions to Subsist them
in their Passage to Albany, for which Subsistence
You will reimburse Yourself out of the Four Pences that
shall be granted to them, as aforesaid at the place of Rendez=
=vous; And with regard to the Freight of those Sloops, that shall
be paid for by the Crown, in the usual manner of Eight
Shillings New York Currency for each Man that is Landed

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at Albany, or Five Shillings like Currency for every One of those that shall be put ashore at New York, but I would much rather chuse they should all come to the former of those Places, as it will prevent a number of Inconveni=ences that otherwise must happen, and this may be easily done, by hiring the Sloops that draw the least Water.

In Order that the Person whom I shall appoint to Muster them at Albany, may be the more Exact and precise in his Returns, You will direct the Officer that shall have the Command of them not to suffer any of his Men to go ashore, untill they shall have been Mustered; And as this Expence of Transportation and Victualling will run very high and that the Success of all Operations greatly depends on a Superiority of Numbers, and the good=ness of them, I hope it will be an additional Motive to prevent the Continuing, or Enlisting into the Service any unserviceable Old Men or Boys; All which will be rejected by the Person whom I shall appoint to Muster them, and will not be Entitled either to their Freight or Billetting, both of which shall likewise be Stopped from the Deserters.

The Honble Govr Hopkins. I am, &ca —

Endorsed To Govr Hopkins/ March 25th 1759/ That having received no Answer to the Circular Letter/ of the 16 February, the General hopes the Rhode/ Island Troops are in such readiness as to be able/to set out upon the first Notice; for which purpose/he Acquaints him with what provision shall be made for them by the Crown; and in what manner/ the Accounts for the same are to be Stated & Vouched/in M: G: Amherst's of March 29: 1759./ 22^d

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New York, March 8th. 1759. –

Sir

I yesterday morning received your Excellency's Letter, acquainting me, that it had been represented to You, that the Act, to prevent any Persons from purchasing, taking in Pledge, or exchanging Arms, Ammunition, or Cloathing belonging to the Indians, was Expired, Imme=diately upon the Receipt thereof, I sent to Town and upon Examination found it was so; and the Council and Assembly being apprised of it, immediately prepar=ed a Bill for this Purpose, and without the Observance of the usual Forms, it was laid before me towards Evening for my Assent among other Bills, which I gave, so that there is now a Law to prevent a Practice, which might greatly prejudice his Majesty's Service: The Assembly's Earnestness to go into their Counties, to facilitate and quicken the Levies and the Council and Assembly's Desire of shewing the Regard they have for Your Excellency made them lay aside all Forms and pass the Bill in one Day. –

I am with the Greatest Regard
Sir, Your most obedient and most
Humble Servant
James De Lancey

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His Excell.cy Gen: Amherst. –

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Philadelphia, 3d. March 1759

Sir,

Enclosed is a Copy of an Address presented to me by the Assembly with regard to various Grievances, which You will please to Observe, they insist should be redressed before they take the Supplies into Consideration.

I have already sent You Genl. Forbes's Letter to me of the 30th. of November, in which after giving the agreable News of the Reduction of Fort duQuesne, he makes a demand of Quarters, and now send You an Extract of my Letter in Answer thereto, that You may be acquainted with the Places capable of receiving the King's Troops in a Commodious manner.

The Waggon Account after General Braddock's defeat was settled by Gentlemen Commissioned by the Governor, at the special Instance of Genl. Shirley, and I am informed they settled that intricate matter impartially, and saved the Crown a large Sum of Money. If You approve of that Method, or any other You please to name, it shall be pursued, as far as concerns me, with all possible Expedition.

I Also send a Copy of a Letter of Mine to General Forbes to desire him to Reinforce the Garrison at Fort Augusta, which I think is an Affair of great importance that requires immediate Attention.

Colonel Bouquet informs me that General Forbes promised to relieve the several Garrisons on the Frontiers,

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and if they are not, the Consequence will be, that they will not be able to Serve the next Campaign, especially the Provincials, who are neither Paid nor Cloathed.

According to the Advices of the Indians now here, it is to be feared that the French and their Indians will Attack Fort du Quesne, as soon as the River is clear of Ice, having their Magazines ready at Kuskusky and places adjacent, from whence Your Excellency will see the necessity of an immediate Reinforcement of the Garrison at Pittsburg, that Post not being able to stand a regular Attack.

As Carriages will be instantly wanted for the Support of the Troops there, it is evident from the Tempers shewn in the Address, and from the Narrow Circumstances of the Country People, who are to Supply Waggons, that none can be got till former Accounts are discharged

General Forbes continues in a languishing Condition, and neither is, nor will be able to do any Business. Affairs are in such a Situation that I could wish it was convenient for Your Excellency to visit this place. If You cannot, please to Send your Orders, and Enable me to give an Answer to the Address by the return of the Express. I am, &ca

Endorsed Copy Letter from / Govr. Denny to / M. G. Amherst / Dated Philadelphia / March 3d. 1759 – / Enclosing an Address of the Assembly with regard to various Grievances which they insist should be / redressed before they take the Supplies into / Consideration &ca. / in M: G: Amherst's of March 29. 1759 / 25th.

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An Address to the Governor from the Assembly. ~

May it please your Honour.

The Duty we owe to Our Constituents, & the late great Hardships imposed on them, puts us under the disagreable Necessity of representing to your Honour,

That a Considerable Part of the Waggons taken into the Pay of the Crown for the Use of the last Campaign, are destroy'd, or left behind; that Numbers of the Pack Horses, as well as others belonging to the Waggons are dead, or have been lost in the Service; that most of those returned were render'd in a great Measure useless: and that the Owners of such Waggons and Horses still remain unpaid to their manifest Inconvenience and Loss, especially, as some of them have been obliged to advance large Sums of Money to the Drivers they employ'd and for other Purposes in fiting out and equipping their Horses and Carriages according to their respective Contracts.

That notwithstanding the Laws lately enacted in this Province for Supplying His Majesty's Forces with Horses, and Carriages when and wherever required, yet both Officers and Soldiers have paid so little Regard thereto, in the Manner of procuring them, that some have Terrified, abused, and insulted the Inhabitants in divers Parts of the Province where they have been employed in the Service.

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That in Violation of a positive Act of Parlia=
=ment for preventing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters, several Sections of which have been extended hither by an Act of General Assembly, some of the Mili=
=tary Officers have attempted by Menaces and other illegal Methods to extort Billets from the Magis=
=trates of the County and Borough of Lancaster, for Quartering Soldiers on Private Houses, but failing of their Purpose, have proceeded to open Violence and thereby forced Numbers of His Majesty's Troops into the dwelling Houses of the Inhabitants, taking their Bedds and other Necessaries from them for the Use of the Soldiers, by which Means one Family in particular have been obliged to give up their own House with its Furniture and seek for Lodgings for themselves in the Houses of their Friends.

We further take the Liberty to represent to Your Honour, that the distressed Inhabitants of Chester County, notwithstanding their Repeated Re=
=presentation to the Assembly, and their Com=
=plaints against the Arbitrary, unjust and illegal Conduct of William Moore Esq.r one of the Magistrates of the said County, are yet subjected to his Power, by his being still continued in a Commission to the Terror and Oppression of the People.

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These Aggrievances, may it please Your Honour, are so well known, and so great, that we cannot but expect that You will use your utmost Endeavours to relieve the Inhabitants of this Province under your Administration with all possible Expedition, and we shall proceed in granting Supplies, with the same Zeal and Unanimity, we have hitherto done, and according to our best Abilities cooperate with and second the large Expence and Extraordinary Succours granted by the British Parliament for carrying the Offensive Operations planned by His Majesty against his Enemies in North America.

By the Letters your Honour (has) as been pleased to Lay before us from one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and Gen Amherst, it is evident that no Time ought to be lost, and we therefore again entreat Your Honour, that in discharging the Duty you owe to the best of Kings, and to the People of this Province, over which You preside, You would speedily & effectually redress Our Aggrievances to the utmost of Your Power.

Signed by Order of the House

Isaac Norris, Speaker

Copy

March 2d. 1759

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Endorsed Copy 2d March 1759 / An Address from the Assembly to the / Governor / Enclosed in Govr: Denny's of 3d: March / in M: G: Amherst's of March 29. 1759 / 26th:

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New York, 7th March 1759.

Sir

With your Letter of the 3d Instant I had al=
=so the Copy of the Address presented to You by
the Assembly with regard to various Grievances
which they expect should be redressed before they
take the Supplies into Consideration; I must own
that, from what they owe to the best of Kings, to
their Country and to themselves, I did not expect
they would have started any difficulties at this pre=
=sent important Crisis, but on the Contrary, that,
as it is their duty they would most chearfully
have proceded on the business, so strongly re=
=commended to them in Mr Secretary Pitt's Letter; more
especially as part of those Grievances are caused thro'
the unhappy indisposition of Brigr Forbes (which
could not be foreseen or prevented) who had he
been capacitated to attend to Business, would, no
doubt, have redressed them long ago; which under
the present Circumstances I intend doing myself
so soon as I can get to Philadelphia, which will
be in a few days, meanwhile I shall write to Sir
John St Clair to call in all the Accounts, and
have them prepared for Examination, that no
time may be lost in clearing and settling them,
upon which Assurances, I trust, they will no longer

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delay taking the Supplies into Consideration.

With regard to their Complaint against the Officers and Soldiers having been wanting in a due regard to the Laws Enacted for supplying His Majesty's Forces with Horses and Carriages, and Quartering of the Troops, I must observe that I believe they have themselves mistaken the Extent of those Laws, for it is not to be supposed that either the Officers or Soldiers would apply for more Carriages and Horses than the Service absolutely required, and where they could not obtain such, upon a Proper application, it was certainly their duty and incumbent upon them, for the good of the Service, to Impress them, and as to the Quartering the Soldiers on Private houses, that cannot neither be avoid=ed where there are not Publick Ones sufficient for the reception and proper accomodation of the Troops, which I dare say was the Case at Lancaster, if therefore the Magistrates refused them Billets, they could not do less than make their Quarters good, which is a known Practise wherever the Seat of War lies, nay even in England, in case of a deficiency of Publick houses in the Country where is the Seat of the Chancellor, he would have Soldiers billitted on him, and he has himself given it as his opinion, that it was legal so to do; And indeed how would it be possible to carry on the Service, if such Provision was not made for

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the Troops, who in default thereof must Perish in the streets, and consequently be disabled from answering the Ends they were raised for; all which speaks for itself; At the same time would not have the As=semblly believe that I mean to refuse them jus=tice, or to screen the Troops if they are guilty of any Irregularities; on the contrary upon proper proof of such I shall take Cognizance of it, and order them all the Satisfaction they may have a right to Expect. –

I Agree with you in the importance of hav=ing a Garrison at Fort Augusta, but as that Gar=rison, as well as all the others on the Frontiers of your Provinces, have Constantly been Garrisoned by Provincial Troops, I shall expect that You will Garrison it with those of Pensylvania, and that your Assembly will now out of hand remove the Objec=tion, "That they will not be able to serve the next Campaign by reason of their being neither Paid nor Cloathed."

From the present Strength of the Garrison of Pittsburg, its defencible state against Small Arms, as represented to me by the Engineer lately come from thence, and a certainty that the French cannot possibly collect sufficient numbers in that Quarter to come and attack it, so soon as the River is

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clear of Ice, I must own entirely takes off any appre:
:hensions of the Enemys attempting any Enterprize
against that place, and I do not see any Occasion
for a Reinforcement of that Garrison, of which, from
their numbers, and the Character given me of Col:
:onel Mercer who Commands there, I have so good
an Opinion, that I have desired Col: Bouquet to write
to him, that if at any time he received Intelligence
of any small Bodys of the Enemy appearing near his
Post, he should not tye himself down to act upon the
defensive, but if he saw fit, go out after them and
act offensively, and try to surprise any Posts they
may have; In which I should hope if that happens,
he will prove successfull, and give a good Account
of them.

With regard to Indian Affairs, upon the Re:
:ceipt of Brig:r Forbes's Letter, acquainting me that it
would be for the good of the service, that a meeting
should be held between the several Governors and
myself to fall on ways and means to Attach the In:
:dians more firmly to His Majesty's Interest, by Estab:
:lishing a Trade with them and securing to them
the quiet Possession of their Settlements, I proposed to
set out for Philadelphia so soon as my other Business
would allow of my absence from hence, and accordingly
upon the 11th Ultimo I wrote to Gov:r Fauquier and Gov:r

Scarpe to come and assist at that meeting, in conse=
=quence of which invitation I expect they are on their
Road thither, of which I wait for nothing but notice,
which I have desired Col: Bouquet to send me and
then I shall also immediately set out with Lt Govr:
De Lancey and Govr: Bernard to meet You for the pur=
=pose abovementiond; wherefore if you can keep the In=
=dian Messengers with You till then, We will fully
satisfy them to every one of their Questions; if not,
you may assure them from me that my intentions
are, so soon as the Season will permit, to proceed
against the Enemy, and by driving them from
all their Strongholds, secure unto our Friends the
Indians the quiet possession of their Lands and
Settlements; And moreover that We will Establish
a Trade between them and us.

The Orders to Col. Mercer to Act offensively
is for your private information, and you will
not mention it to any One.

I am, with great regard,
Sir, &ca.

To Govr: Denny, Philadelphia.

Endorsed To Govr: Denny / March 7th: 1759. / In Answer to the
Govrs of the 3d: Instant setting forth / that the Assembly declined
proceeding on the Supplies / untill their Grievances were redressed /
relative to Pittsburg &ca & concerning Indian / Affairs / in M: G: Am=
=herst's of March 29: 1759 / 27th:

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New York, 22d. March 1759.

Sir,

Lieut. Gray of the Carolina Independent Com=
pany's returning to his Station, by Land, I take
that Opportunity of Acknowledging the Receipt of Your
Favor of the 2d. Instant, by which I find, it was very
uncertain that You could at this Time be Spared from
Your Seat of Government, and consequently that it was
not likely You would be able to come to the Meeting
at Philadelphia; Wherefore as my other business re=
quires my Presence here, I, upon the Letter, laid
aside all thoughts of going there Myself, but that
nothing might be wanting to forward the Service
in those Parts, I Sent Brigr. Genl. Stanwix (who set on
Monday last) to Philadelphia, to take upon him the
Command of the Troops to the Southward, and to
do every thing that may be requisite, either to
Act on the Offensive or defensive, as he shall Judge
most for the good of the Publick, and that no Time
might be lost therein, I have directed him to
Correspond and Cooperate with the Southern Gov=
ernors, for which Purpose I furnished him with
my Circular Letter of the 18th. Instant to those Sev=
eral Gentlemen, requesting them to do the like with
him; which Letter I doubt not would have reach=
ed You before this comes to Your hands. — I

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likewise, on Monday last, sent You Colonel Byrd, in order to forward the Raising and Equipping the Men that shall have been Voted by the Dominion of Virginia, that they may be at the place of Rendezvous without any delay, and I shall wait with impatience to Learn their Numbers and what Provision has been made for them by the Assembly.

Altho' I do not propose to go to Philadelphia yet if it should so happen that You can be there, I shall immediately upon Notice thereof set out to Meet You.

I am, with great regard,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant.

To the Honble: Govr: Fauquier

Endorsed To Govr: Fauquier/ March 22^d: 1759./ Acknowledging the receipt of the Gov^rs of the 2^d: Inst^t/ & acquainting him that as it was not likely he/ would be able to come to Philadelphia, & that the/ General's other business required his presence here/ he likewise declined going; therefore desires his/ Assistance to Brig^r: Stanwix & that Col. Byrd who/ was also set out to Expedite the raising & Equipping/ the Virginia Troops might meet with all the/ Encouragement and dispatch possible./ in M: G: Amherst's of March 29: 1759./ 29. ~

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New York, 21st March 1759.

Sir,

Lieut. Gray Arrived here the 8th Instant, and delivered me your Letter of the 7th February, which I deferred Answering till the Arrival of a Packet from England, then daily Expected, and which did come in the 14th since when, Lieutenant Gray desired he might remain here for some days longer. Lieut. Colonel Hale arrived only two days ago, and by him, I had Your Answer to Mine of the 13th December. ~

You will, I make no doubt, long ere this have had the Duplicates of mine of the 15th and 16th Ultimo by Lieut. Bailey of Georgia, whom I had procured a Passage on Board His Majesty's Ship Nightingale, which then fell down to the Hook, but unfortunately ran upon a Sand, and was obliged to put back into this Port to refit, where she is now repairing, and by the Seasons being so far advanced is not now to proceed to Carolina; however as at that time very luckily there lay a Vessel that was on her departure for Your Port, Lieut. Bailey went in her, and is I hope safe Arrived.

Having, since his departure, received back from Capt. Campbell the Originals of those Letters, I now transmit them to You, and by that of the 15th You will See, that I then thought the Season already

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as not to admit of Carrying on any Offensive Operations with great Numbers, by reason of the distance and very great Expence that must attend the taking up Provisions, when the Enemy is otherwise Em=ployed, and cannot Send Reinforcements that way, which I hoped would soon be the Case, then a small number might Act, and Clear every thing to the Lake, as there was nothing but Presqu'Isle, and that I did not See a larger Force could do more, since nothing could be done to the Right or the Left, but what could be much more easily Executed from the Mohawks River, Carolina, or the Mississippi; Niagara being every thing on the Right, and, to my knowledge, nothing between Fort Du Quesne, Fort Assumption and Prudhomme, which are at an immense distance from Pittsburg. ~

And I further directed him to inform him=self, on the Spot, of the thorough State of the present Ap=pearance of things from whence he would be a bet=ter Judge, how far it may be Expedient for Carry=ing on any Offensive Operations, which may most Annoy the Enemy, from Pittsburg, or from the Frontiers of any of the Southern Colonies on the Continent; for which purpose I desired he would Correspond and Cooperate with all the Governors of those Col=onies, and furnished him with my Circular Letter

of the 18th Instant to them, requesting they would in like manner Correspond and Coperate with him, which Letter Addressed to Yourself goes Enclosed.

The Answer to Your Letter in behalf of Captain Raymond Demeré, and the Subaltern Officers of the Independent Companies, also accompany this.

There is no manner of doubt that the Officers of the Independent Companies, are equally Entitled to their Allowance of Provisions, as well as the Private Men, that is to Say, One Ration Per day Each, which is the Whole of what all the other Officers serving on the Continent Receive.

I am, with great regard,

Sir,

Your most Obedient,

Humble Servant.

P. S. You will please to Observe not to Allow the Above Ration per day to the Officers, but from the Day of the Receipt of this Letter.

To His Excell.y Gov.r Lyttleton.

Endorsed To Gov.r Lyttleton/March 21st 1759/In Answer to the Gov.rs of the 7th February in relation/to a proposed Expedition against the Albama &/ Assumption Forts./ in M. G. Amherst's of March 29. 1759./ 30.

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Extract of a Letter from Govr. Lyttelton to M. G. Amherst, Dated, Charles Town Feb: 7th: 1759.

I had this Day the Honor to receive Your Dispatch of the 12th. of January, and a Duplicate of that of the 13th: Decr. to which I have already returned an Answer, which Lt. Col. Hale who set out two Days ago for New York will present to you.

I wrote on the 4th. of November to Mr. Secry. Pitt upon the Subject Matter of that Letter, which Your Excellency forwarded to me; It contained the King's Orders to me, that in Case you and Admiral Boscawen should determine to make any attempt on the French Settlements on the Rivers Mobile and Mississippi, I should use my utmost Endeavours to set on Foot and encourage an Expedition from this Province against the Albama Fort, if I judged it to be practicable, and to engage, if possible any of the Indian Nations to join therein and coperate in the most efficacious Manner with the Forces I might be able to collect for that Service; and I was further Instructed to be particularly Attentive so to adjust and concert all Measures with you and Admiral Boscawen, that any Attempt which I should in Consequence of the Orders abovemention'd judge proper to make

on the Albama Fort might take Place as nearly as might be, at the same Time that the Attempts by the King's Forces should be made on the Rivers Mobile and Mississippy.

I have acquainted Mr. Pitt, that in Case it should be his Majesty's Pleasure to renew the Orders to me concerning this Service, I would go myself upon it, and proposed to carry with me the Regiment in the Pay of this Province, which now actually consists of 500 Men, and one Hundred Men from the King's Independent Companies, with such other Troops as I might be able to raise, some of which I hope might be light Horse, and have requested that Arms Ammunition and Tents might be sent to me sufficient for 2000 Men, and other Requisites for such an Enterprize, I have sent three several Copies of my Letter to Mr. Pitt by different Vessels, and presume I shall soon have his Answer. —

I hope if your Excellency has already taken any Steps for carrying on Operations in these Parts, the Arrangements you have made will be such as may not Clash with my fresh Orders, that it may have been resolved in England to send me concerning this Service; the Plan You have been so good to communicate to me, I doubt not, is

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admirably well calculated to distract and distress the Enemy; Some Delays indeed it might suffer in the Execution, notwithstanding all the Activity of those who shall be concerned in it. - It is five Hundred Miles from hence to Chotee, and the Roads over the Mountains are very bad & difficult; Batteaux also must be constructed, which I presume would not soon be accomplished; and as two Expeditions would be to go on at the same Time, the necessary Carriages, Horses, and Provisions, could not speedily be procured in this Country. The Quantity of Flour and Meat must be very great, or the Troops would be in Danger of Starving in the Indian Nations; The Distance from hence to the Alabama Fort is above 500 Miles, and there are several Rivers to cross; I have asked Arms &ca for 2000 Men, because I think it is possible some Opposition might be found from the Creeks, who are desirous to keep the French in their Nation and maintain the Fort, where they buy Goods & receive Presents, unless there be a sufficient Force to overawe them. With Respect to the Attack by Sea, I send you enclosed an Opinion of Admiral Coates, by which You will perceive, that the Month of April is in his Judgment the earliest Time when those Operations can be safely Commenced. -

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I have taken the Liberty to acquaint You with these Particulars, that whatever You shall think proper to undertake in this Business, You may not want such little Informations, as it is in my Power to give.—

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from Govr: / Lyttelton to M. G. Amherst. / Feb: 7th 1759.— / in relation to an Expedition against the Alibama / & Assumption Forts. / in M: G: Amherst's of March 29: 1759. / 31.

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New York March 20th 1759.

Dear Sir/

I have, on the Receipt of His Majesty's Orders, in making a Detachment from this Army to rendez=vous at Louisbourg by the 20th of April desired Capt. Camp=bell of His Majesty's Ship Nightingale, to remain here to Convoy the Regimts. to Louisbourg, which I hope will meet with Your Approbation.

As the Artillery and Webb's Regiment are to embark at Boston I inform'd myself of Capt. Camp=bell what would be the best Method of Convoying the Transports from thence, and as he assured me that it might be attended with a great Loss of Time if he was to go in there with the Transports from hence to take Charge of those from Boston, I resolv=ed to desire of You that some Ship might be sent to Boston for that Service. — Brigr. Gen. Monckton has since acquainted me, that the Hind Man of War, Capt. Bond, is at Boston, on which I have taken the Liberty to write to Capt. Bond, to or=der him for the aforemention'd Service, as I im=agine it must be for the good of His Majesty's Service, and I hope it will not interfere with any Orders, You may have given him.

The two Regiments from the Bay of Fundy I have ordered shou'd proceed directly to Louisbourg,

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or calling at Halifax, as Col. Burton, who Commands the Embarkation at Boston, will judge Best for His Majesty's Service. If You think it necessary that those Regiments should have a Convoy out of the Bay, and can spare a Vessel for that Purpose, I would beg the Favour of You to send it to Annapolis.

The New York Privateers have Taken 11. of 22. St. Domingo Men that were under Convoy of the Palmier a 74 Gun Ship, and a Frigate of 40 Guns; 9. of the 11. are sent in here, worth 100,000 £ and the Privateers left in Chase of the others.

I have pressed all I could that the Privateers of this Port should be order'd to the Straights of Belle Isle and the River St. Laurence, which they all are, and I hope will be of Use in hindering Ships getting up the River, and giving You Intelligence.

I am &ca. —

P. S. Le Palmier is loaded with Indigo, would be a fine Prize for an English Cruizer —

Admiral Durell.

Endorsed Copy / A Letter from Gen: Amherst / to Admiral Durell / March 20th. 1759. / Informing him of having desired Capt. Campbell / of the Nightingale to ~~take~~ stay to take under his / Convoy the Troops &ca from hence; & Capt. Bond / of the Hind, those from Boston; and desiring that if a Convoy is necessary from the Bay of / Fundy, he would send a Ship thither for that / purpose. / in M: G: Amherst's of March 29: 1759 / 33.

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Extract of a Letter from M. Gen. Amherst to Brigr. Genl. Lawrence Bearing Date, New York 9th March 1759.

Capt. Gorham will deliver this to You, and will Acquaint You of his Application to me for Augmenting his Company, which just at Present I think not so necessary, but if hereafter more Men should be wanted in that way, I don't think I could do better for His Majesty's Service than Encreasing the number of that Company, as it is by much the best of the Rangers I have Served with, and the least Expensive to the Government; Capt. Gorham tells me he has recruited more than his Complement; I have told him to give the Supernumeraries to the other Companys for the present, where I fear there is too much room for them.

I have been talking with Major Scott and Capt. Gorham about the Service they were on in the Bay, and on Cape Sable Coast; I don't know what may have been in regard to bringing away the Inhabitants that remained there; there were likewise some few Indians, but in case no Step has been taken to Clear that Country entirely, I should think it may now be done before any other Operations can take place, and by what I understand from Capt. Gorham, it can take up

but very little time to do it, and 200 Men will be full Sufficient for the Service.

I therefore Order Capt. Gorham to go directly to Boston, and to take all the Recruits that may be there belonging to the Ranging Companys at Hallifax, and to apply to Mr. Hancock for a Sloop, who probably may have something to send likewise to Hallifax, and to take Two Whale boats from Boston, which Sloop and Whale boats may Serve for Taking the 200 Men, with the addition of another Sloop, which I imagine You'll easily procure at Hallifax.

If nothing has been therefore done towards bringing away those Inhabitants, and that You approve of sending Capt. Gorham for that purpose, 150 of the Rangers, with 50 Men of the Light Infantry of the Town Battalions at Hallifax, with a good Serjeant from each Corps, and two Subalterns to Command the 50 Men, the whole put under Capt. Gorham's Command, will effectually do the business, either by Calling them in, or forcing them to give themselves up, as Capt. Gorham knows the whole Country, and is convinced he can do it in three weeks time, by going in the Sloops from Hallifax to Fourchette River.

Capt. Gorham tells me of many Familys who are very desirous to go and Settle there, I think it would be a vast advantage to get them there so

Early, that they might have the whole Summer before them, and if You thought proper to Order those Familys to go there at the time that Capt. Gorham goes to Clear the Country of the few remaining Inhabitants and Indians, great Care may be taken to preserve the Cattle & instead of destroying them, and to give them to the New Settlers, of all which You are a very good Judge and I beg You will Order what You think proper.

Partys might be Ordered to March from Annapolis and Pisiquid till they meet; another Party might march from Annapolis towards Cape Sable, and a Party from Lunenburg, on a Path that leads towards Cape Sable Lakes; if these different Partys were put in Motion at the time that Capt. Gorham Lands, it will be next to impossible for any of the Inhabitants to get off, and I should be glad to hear that Country is quite Clear of them; then Lunenburg will be quiet, & the People may work in their Grounds without Continual dreads of being Scalped, the Boundaries will be Enlarged, and I should hope they would find a way from Annapolis to Lunenburg. —

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from / M. Gen: Amherst to / Brig: Gen: Lawrence / Datd. New York March 9th 1759 / In relation to an Expedition to Cape Sable to be / Commanded by Capt. Gorham. / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29: 1759. / 34.

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Extract of a Letter from Major General Amherst to Brig: Genl: Lawrence New York 16th March 1759.

Dear Sir

I have received His Majesty's Orders for Send=:ing a Number of His Forces in North America (as You will See by the enclosed List) to rendezvous at Cape Breton as near as may be about the 20th: of April which Forces are intended for an Expe=:dition against Quebec under the direction of Brig: Genl: Wolfe whom the King has Appointed for that Service and he is to have the Rank of Major Genl: for the Expedition only.

You will please to Order that the Forces under your Command in Nova Scotia do immedi=:ately prepare to Embark so Soon as the Transports arrive at Halifax for which Purpose I have direct=:ed that 6000 Tuns of Transports Shall be hired at Boston, this Place and Philadelphia, for fear that those which are Ordered from England may not arrive in due time and that no delays & disappointments may happen from their late Ar=:rival or from any Accidents that may render them unfitt for immediate Service

Twenty Thousand Tuns of Transport Ves=:sells were preparing in England to be Sent to this place but though they are ordered here Some

may very probably drop into Halifax harbour in which case you will be so good to Order them to remain there, at least as many as will be Sufficient for receiving the Garrison of Halifax allowing a Tun and a half to each Man.

If more Transports arrive at Halifax than Shall be Sufficient for the Embarkation of the Garrison pray Send some directly to Boston as the 3000 Tun I have ordered to be taken up there with 40 Schooners intended for the Service up the River St. Laurence will not be enough for the Artillery Webbs Regiment & the Provincials.

The Packet boat arriv'd the 14th Instant at Night. I immediately Ordered Frazers Regt. to March, for that Regiment is now the most unluckily Situated of any on the Continent being at Fort Stanwix and the Mohawk River, and it will take up Some time to get it down to this place

The 3000 Tun of Transports I take up at this place will Serve for Lascelles's & Frasers Regts. which will Sail directly from hence for Louisburg.

I have wrote to Govr. Pownall for 1500 Provincials to Join the 500 that will be detached from Monckton and Laurence's Battalions for the protection

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of Halifax, Nova Scotia and the Bay of Fundy and that there may be no loss of time I shall order the Provincials to be Embark=ed at Boston and to proceed directly to the different Gar=risons in the Bay of Fundy at the following distribution 400 to Fort Cumberland 250 to Annapolis 250 to S^t. Johns 100 to Piziquid & 200 to Lunenburg.

The Officers Command^g. those detachments of Pro=vincials will receive the Orders from the Commanding Officers in the Several Posts who will immediately Em=bark on board the Vessels the Provincials go in and will repair to Halifax.

I shall direct Brig^r. Genl. Monckton or Col^l. Burton one of which I shall appoint for the care of the Embark=ation at Boston to send a Sufficiency of Tunnage for re=ceiving the present Garrisons that Otway's & Kennedy's Reg^ts. & M^c. Curdys & Dank's Companies of Rangers may be Embarked on board those Vessels to go to Halifax and likewise the detachment which is at present at Louisbourg

The 300 remaining Provincials will sail directly for Halifax to join the detachment of 500 of Moncktons & Laurences, I think this is the Shortest and easiest method for the present relief you will be so good to make what al=terations you may think Necessary hereafter in changing the Numbers at the different Posts.

As it may happen that some part of the Troops may not arrive at Halifax so soon as the Others are ready,

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it is the King's pleasure that the whole of this importantant (sic) Service should not wait but that the Forces Should be Sent to be at the Rendezvous at Louisburg by the Time aforementioned and the remaining part to be Sent with all Expedition as Soon after as possible.

I Enclose to You Copies & Extracts of Letters which I have wrote to Boston for Your information of what is Ordered in regard to the Embarkation of the Troops and a List of promotions I have received from Lord Barrington.

Brig.r Gen.l Monckton arrived here the 12th Instant the day after Gov. Pownall died and as he was Preparing to go to Philadelphia the arrival of the Packet brought him a Letter of Service for the River St. Laurence so that he will return Soon to Halifax to proceed to Louisburg.

I am to acknowledge the receipt and to return You my thanks for Your very obliging Letter of the 10th February which was delivered to me by Brig.r Gen.l Monckton, the good Change in the health of the Troops is come at a very Seasonable time how they are to be Compleated I know not. but I hope drafts will be Sent from England to do it, for the recruiting has had very little Success. —

To Brig.r Gen.l Lawrence

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from / Major Gen.l Amherst / to Brig.r Gen.l Lawrence / bearing date March 16th 1759 / Acquainting him with the Expedition up the / River St. Laurence; with Instructions for the / necessary Preparations. / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29: 1759 / 35.

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New York, March 23^d 1759 –

Dear Sir/

I send Major Barré to Boston to assist Col. Burton in the Embarkation of the Troops, and he may probably have an Opportunity of forwarding this to You from thence.

I have given Orders here, that all the Surgeons of the Regiments should have their Medicine Chests provided with whatever may be wanted during the next Campaign in the Chirurgical Way, and their Chests to be inspected by the Director of the Hospital or a proper Surgeon, pray be so good to order Mr. Russell, or such person as you think proper to examine the Chests of the Regiments in your Government.

I believe in the Letter I wrote to You in Regard to the Portions of Provisions allow'd to Officers I mentioned the usual Winter Allowance should commence the first of November: I then intended that Allowance should remain for Six Months, so that it will cease on the first of May, from which Time the Officers will receive only one Portion to each Officer; pray be so good to give it accordingly in Orders.

I shall make out the Forrage Money for the Regiments immediately, and I shall either include the Regiments under your Command in the Warrant I grant here and send the Money to You, or, as Cash runs very

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ion here, I will transmit to You the Allowance I give to the Regimt. & beg You to grant a Warrant for the Payment at Halifax. Not a Shilling come here since my Arrival, and the present Expences of Preparations are very great.

I shall direct Col.o Burton to give the strict=est Orders to the Officers commanding the Provincials who will relieve the Garrisons in the Bay of Fundy that they give Receipts for every thing they re=ceive from the Officers they relieve. You see that Time does not allow sending to You to give You Orders for the several Reliefs in Your Province, which I otherwise should certainly have done. I imagine the sooner You can send us proper Of=ficer to inspect into the Garrisons after the Relief the Better, or before the Relief, if you have Time.—

I wrote Admiral Durell word that the Prizes the New York Privateers have just now taken amount to the Value of 100,000 Pounds; I am assured to Day I may add 50,000 Pounds more to it.—

I have given a Commission of Surgeon to B. Gen: Monckton's Battalion to Mr. Collier, which is all the Alteration in any of the Regiments under your Com=mand You may be assured there can be none in that, I ever am &ca

P. S. I have ordered that all the Provincials

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shall be properly armed which Col. Burton will inspect into, as the Massachusets should furnish 7000. I hope there can be no doubt but the first Choice of 1500 will be in every Respect good. –
24th. I just now hear Gen. Hopson is dead. –
B. G. Lawrence

Endorsed To B. G. Lawrence / March 23d. 1759 / Information of what further Steps have been / taken in regard to the Embarkation since the / Letter of the 16th on that Subject. / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29: 1759 / 36.

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This Part Left out to Brig.r Whitmore

The Light Infantry of the several Battalions must be Compleated with Light French Arms on their Arrival at their Rendezvous at Louisbourg.

Colonel Gridley is wrote to, to Prepare Eighty Carpenters to proceed to Cape Breton –

An Hospital Ship will be prepared here, and a proper number of the Officers of the Hospital will be sent from hence: Mr. Russel is included in the number, but it will be very necessary, that Mr. Adair should go for the Direction, by which Mr. Russel will have more time to give his Care and Attention to the Sick.

Fifty Whaleboats are Prepared, and Twenty more now Ordered for the Service of the Troops up the River St. Lawrence; the Forty Schooners Ordered at Boston are for the said Purpose

The Recruiting Officers belonging to the Regiments intended for the Expedition up the River St. Lawrence are Ordered to Repair to Hallifax, Boston, or New York, in due time.

Engineers and Officers to Act as Engineers on the Expedition against Quebec, are,

Mr. Debbieg, Mr. Williamson, Engineers.

Capt. Holland of the Americans

Lt. Tonge of Warburtons.

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Lt. Bentsel of the Royal
Lt. Goddard of Lascelles's –
Lt. Debarres of the Americans
Capt. De Ruvine. Capt. of Miners.

The Contractor has all necessary Orders in regard to Provisions.

Molasses and Rum shall be taken care of.

New York, March 16th. 1759
Jeff: Amherst

Lt. Goddard of Lascelles's was taken Prisoner, and is on his Parole; he goes with the Regt. as far as Proper, in Order to Serve so soon as he is Exchanged.

J A

To this is to be added that Lt. Montresor, who is at Louisbourg, is desired to Serve as Engineer if M G Wolfe approves of it in the room of Lt. Goddard. Lt. Leith of Lascelles's served as Engineer last Year, if M: Gen: Wolfe chuses he might serve as Engineer. –

Endorsed Copy / To Brigr. Lawrence & Whitmore / Datd. New York March 16th. / 1759 / Orders given for the preparation of sundries for the Expedition up the River St. Lawrence & List of the Engineers that are to serve on the same / Capt de Ruvigne named Capt / of Marines in the list I received / is Capt. of Miners / Lt. Bensel named of the Americans / is Lieut in the Royal / Lt. Goddard of Lascelles's was taken Prisoner on board a Ship / during M. Gen. Abercromby's / command / J: Amherst / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29: 1759 / 37.

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Troops Ordered for the Expedition against Quebec, to Rendezvous at Louisbourg, and to be under the Command of Major Genl. Wolfe.

		Numbers as supposed in Engld.
Battalions	Amherst's	1034
	Otway's	1145
	Kennedy's	815
	Lawrence's	1145
	Monckton's	1145
	Anstruther's	815
Rangers	Gorham's	
	Danks's	600
	McCurdy's	
	Brewer's	
	Stark's	

Monckton's and Lawrence's Battalions are to detach each Two hundred and fifty Men to be joined by Fifteen hundred Provincials for the Protection of Hallifax, Nova Scotia, and the Bay of Fundy.

New York, March 16th. 1759.
Jeff: Amherst

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Other Corps Ordered for the Expedition

Lascelles's	1145
Webb's	1145

Frasers - - - - - -	1601
Bragg's - - - - - -	815
Royal Artillery - - - - -	300
Total	12,005

To which is to be added the Three Grena=diers Companies of Whitmore's, Hopson's and War=burtons, and Roger's Company of Rangers the Grenadier Companies being 300 are included in the Total of 12,005

Brig.r Gen: Laurence

Endorsed List of the Corps for the/Expedition against/Quebec./Enclosed in the Generals to Brigadiers Whit=more/& Laurence of the 16th March 1759./in M. G. Amherst's of March 29: 1759./ 38.

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Copy New York 16th. March 1759.

Dear Sir,

On the 14th. Instant I received His Majesty's Orders for making a detachment of the Troops in North America, to make an Attack on Quebec, up the River St. Lawrence, and that the Expedition is to be Commanded by Brigr. General Wolfe, who is appointed to Act as Major General during this Service.

I have already taken all the Measures I can to forward this Service, and I am to Acquaint You, that His Majesty has been pleased to Order, that Bragg's Regiment with the three Companys of Grenadiers of Whitmore's, Hopson's, and Warburton's, which are under Your immediate Command at Cape Breton, should be allotted for the Army under Brigr. Wolfe's Command, and that I should send One thousand Provincials to Louisbourg to remain in Garrison there, in order to Provide for the Security of that most important Place, during the Absence of the said Regiment and Companys, and though I have no particular Directions as to Rogers's Compy. of Rangers, I find by a Letter I have received from Brigr. Wolfe that he expects that Company should be included in the Troops destined for the Expedition, which I hope may be Spared without any risque, as You

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may use Part of the Provincials in the same man=
=ner as the Ranging Company, and that I im=
=agine the Enemy will be so Employed in differ=
=ent Quarters as not to have it in their Power,
to attempt any thing against Cape Breton, or
its Dependances.

His Majesty having been Pleased to direct,
that the Troops Ordered for the above Expedition, should
be assembled as near as may be on, or about the 20th:
of April, I am hastening every thing to the utmost
of my Power, that they may be there according to
the King's Intentions, and I Enclose You Copies and
Extracts of Letters I have Wrote in regard to
the Dispositions made, that You may be as thoroughly
informed, as the time and present State, will
permit me to do.

Light French Arms to Compleat the num=
=ber of Light Infantry of the Regiments, must
be supplyed from Your Stores, as the Regiments
had only Light Arms delivered for the num=
=ber of Light Infantry of each Corps that Served
the last Campaign.

Brigr: Gen: Monckton, who Arrived here
the 12th Instant, will return directly to Joyn
the Troops at Louisbourg.

Brigr: Gen: Forbes died the 11th: Inst: and

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Brig: Stanwix is going to Pensylvania to Com=
=mand the Troops to the Southward.

The French Indians having twice made some Attempts of Scalping at our advanced Posts, it was necessary to return the Complement, and on the 11th Major Rogers came from Ticonderoga with Five Prisoners, and Six Scalps; he thinks he killed and Wounded Thirty or Forty; had three Men killed and One Wounded.

I am,

&c.

Brig: Gen: Whitmore.

Endorsed Copy / Mr Gen: Amherst / To Brig: Gen: Whitmore / New York March 16th 1759 / In re=
=lation to the Expedition intended up the / River St Lawrence. / in Mr G: Amherst's of March 29: 1759. /
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New York, March 23d. 1759.

Dear Sir

I make no doubt but my Letter of the 16th. Inst. or the Duplicate must have arrived to You, before this can reach You; I omitted in those to mention to You, what is not particularly order'd to me, but what I understand Brig: Gen. Wolfe expects, which is that Lieut. Col: Murray of Warburton's should command the three Companies of Grenadiers, that are to be detatched (sic) from the Regiments which remain at Louisbourg, for the Expedition up the River St. Laurence, which I beg you will be so good to Order.

I have Order'd that all the Medicine Chests of the Regiments should be supply'd with everything Necessary for the Campaign, and to be inspected by the Director of the Hospital or a proper Surgeon.

The Number of Rations allow'd to the Officers will cease on the first of May next, after which Time every Officer will receive only one Ration as was allow'd during the last Campaign. ~

I have order'd Webb's and Lascelles's Regiments, to leave the French Arms they had received for their Light Infantry, as I shall want Arms here, so they must be furnished with Arms for their Complement of Light Infantry. The Regiments

from Halifax will take with them what French Arms they received at Louisbourg, will only Want to compleat to their Additional Numbers of Light Infantry.

I shall give a Warrant here for the Forrage Money of the Several Regiments order'd for Service this Campaign, and either send You the Money for Bragg's, and the Three Companies of Grenadiers, or transmit You an Acct: of what I allow to the Battalion's here, and desire You to grant a Warrant for Bragg's, and the Grenadiers, as Money is not in Abundance here.

I have order'd that the 1000 Provincials demanded for Louisbourg shall be properly Armed which Col: Burton whom I have sent to Command the Embarkation at Boston, shall have a Proper Care of, and likewise that they may be fit People for Garrison Duty, or any other Service that may be required of them.

I am, &ca

Brig: Gen: Whitmore.—

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